MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Session

OF THE

Abbott's Creek Union

PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

GAINES GROVE CHURCH

CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Commencing On Saturday Before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1937

OFFICERS

ELDER H. S. WILLIAMS, Moderator ..... Spencer, N. C.

JESSE TROGDON, Clerk ..... Route No. 3, Asheboro, N. C.

B. I. HARRISON, Assistant Clerk ..... Denton, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 112th SITTING OF THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21st, 1937, 11:00 O'CLOCK A. M.

1. After praise and prayer by Elder S. Gray, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. C. Key from Zechariah 13:1. He was followed by Elder A. F. Nance from no certain text.

2. After an intermission of one hour, the messengers from the several churches met in the house and after praise and prayer by Elder M. B. Martin, the letters from the several churches were called for, read and their contents noted.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. Omitted reading the Rules of Decorum.

5. Elder H. S. Williams was re-elected moderator.

6. Jesse Trogdon was re-elected clerk, who called Brother B. I. Harrison to his assistance.

7. Invited visiting ministers and messengers to seats. The following were present and seated:

From Lower Country Line: Brethren A. F. Adams and J. J. Whitley, messengers; Sister Monsees and others, visitors.

From Upper Country Line: Elder M. B. Martin, messenger, and Brother and Sister C. S. Carrol and Brother Crutchfield visitors.

From Salem: Elder George Hill and Brother Jesse R. Rhue messengers.

From Little River: Elders E. C. Jones, Floyd Adams, and Brother G. M. Stewart, messengers.

From White Oak: Elders R. W. Gerganus, S. Gray, and Bro. I. J. Garner, messengers; Brethren W. B. Houston, C. G. Houston and others, visitors.

From Seven Miles: None.

From Pig River: Brother J. W. Tinnell, messenger.

From Lower Mayo: Elders J. W. Wyatt and W. H. Freeman, messengers.

From Bear Creek: Elders Oscar Broom and H. L. Almond, and Brother D. C. Page, messengers. Elders James T. Jones, F. E. Honeycutt, J. A. Eudy and others, visitors

From Elkhorn: None.

From Contentnea: None.

From New River: None.

From Mill Branch: Brother and Sister G. W. King and Bro. R. N. Radford, messengers; Brother W. H. McMillan and others visitors.

From Smith River: None.

From Kehukee: None.

Elders W. H. Freeman and James T. Jones were sent to the

stand to preach.

9. We received a file of minutes from the sister associations as follows: Little River, Elkhorn, Kehukee, Salem, White Oak, Seven Mile, Bear Creek, Lower Mayo, Pig River, Upper Country Line, New River, Lower Country Line, and Mill Branch.

10. Appointed Brethren A. H. Trogdon, H. W. Johnson, and Rob Snider together with the moderator and clerk and assistant clerk as committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

11. Appointed Brethren Eneas Sykes and J. L. Snider as committee on finance.

12. Appointed Brethren W. N. Lanier, D. F. Gaines and Lee Snider to arrange the preaching for the remainder of the association.

13. Called for the circular letter, but Elder J. F. Fulk not being present, the letter was called for and received later.

14. The Association adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23, 1937

15. 9:00 The Association met according to arrangements, opened by praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Eudy.

16. Called messengers names and noted absentees.

17. Called on committee on arrangements to report. The report was received and the committee discharged.

Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some reported, those who failed were excused.

19. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations as follows:

To Seven Miles: Elder H. S. Williams and Brother Lee Snider.

To Bear Creek: Brethren B. I. Harrison, J. N. Trogdon, C. S. Gaines and Rob Snider and Elders H. S. Williams and W. E. Jarrell.

To Upper Country Line: Elders H. S. Williams, W. E. Jarrell, and Brethren J. L. Snider and B. I. Harrison.

To Lower Country Line: Elders W. E. Jarrell and H. S. Williams and Brethren B. I. Harrison, Lee Snider and C. S. Gaines.

To Lower Mayo: Elder W. E. Jarrell and Brethren B. I. Harrison, J. L. Snider and Lee Snider.

To Mill Branch: Elder H. S. Williams and Brethren B. I. Harrison, Lee Snider and A. H. Trogdon.

To Salem: Elder H. S. Williams and Brethren Jesse Trogdon, B. I. Harrison and J. N. Trogdon.

To Pig River: Elders W. E. Jarrell and H. S. Williams and Brethren B. I. Harrison and Lee Snider.

To New River: Elders W. E. Jarrell and H. S. Williams.

To White Oak: Elder H. S. Williams and Brethren A. H. Trogdon, Lee Snider, W. H. Trogdon, B. I. Harrison, Jesse Trogdon and J. N. Trogdon.

To Black Creek: Brethren B. I. Harrison and Lee Snider.

To Staunton River: Elder H. S. Williams and Brother B. I. Harrison.

To Contentnea: Minutes.

To Smith River: Elder W. E. Jarrell and Brother B. I. Harrison.

To Little River: Elder H. S. Williams and Brethren B. I. Harrison, Lee Snider and A. H. Trogdon.

To Kehukee: Minutes.

20. The circular letter was received and ordered to be printed in these minutes.

21. Appointed Brother Lee Snider to write the circular letter for our next year's minutes.

22. Called on committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent in from the churches		$77.55
Given by Brethren, Sisters and friends		31.00
Allowed for printing and mailing Minutes	$32.50	
Gave Moderator	10.00	
Gave Clerk	10.00	
Distributed among visiting Elders	46.00	
Balance in Hands of Clerk	10.05	
	$108.55	$108.55

The report was received and the committee ordered to be held until the close of the association.

23. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing and distributing of 800 copies of these Minutes and $32.50 be allowed for same.

24. On motion, gave the moderator and clerk $10 each.

Called on presbyteries to report. Brother B. I. Harrison reported that on Saturday before the third Sunday in November, 1936, at Rock Hill Church, Randolph county, a presbytery was organized with Elders H. S. Williams, D. R. Pyrtle, J. F. Fulk and Deacons A. H. Trogdon, H. W. Johnson, Lee Snider, W. N. Lanier, Eneas Sykes, H. L. Miller and B. I. Harrison and ordained Brother J. N. Trogdon to the office of deacon.

26. Agreed that our next association be held with the Rock Hill Church, Randolph county, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1938, and continue through Sunday and Monday. Elder H. S. Williams to preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. F. Fulk his alternate. The church is located about two miles south-west of Asheboro, N. C.

27. Resolved that we extend thanks to God for His mercy and blessings and to B. W. Gaines for lumber furnished and to Brother C. S. Gaines for ice water furnished and to Gaines Grove Church and community for their kindness during this association.

28. After Minutes were read and approved, the association adjourned to time and place appointed.

ELDER H. S. WILLIAMS, Moderator, Spencer, N. C.

JESSE TROGDON, Clerk, Rt. 3, Asheboro, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Saturday morning, August 21st, 1937, 11:00 o'clock. Introductory sermon by Elder A. C. Key from Zech. 13:1, followed by Elder A. F. Nance from no special text.

Saturday Evening:

Elder W. H. Freeman, no special text; Elder James T. Jones, Gen. 32:10; Elder H. L. Almond, 1 King 1:15.

Saturday Night:

Elder R. W. Garganus, Psalms 46::1-2-3; Elder Oscar Brown; Gen. 3:18; Elder J. W. Wyatt, St. John 14:6.

Sunday Morning:

Praise and prayer by Elder H. L. Almond followed by Elder S. Gray, St. John 6:53; Elder M. B. Martin, St. Luke 15:7; Elder R. W. Gargamus, Isaiah 53:1-2 Elder J. W. Wyatt, Revelations 22:13-14.

Sunday Evening:

Elder Oscar Brown. St. Luke 17:12-18 Elder W. H. Freeman, St. Matt. 11:4-5; Elder H. S. Williams, St. John 10: 17-18.

Sunday Night:

Elder S. Gray, Isaiah 14:24. Elder M. B. Martin, Matthew 16:18; Elder F. E. Honeycutt, Rev. 7:9.

Monday Morning:

Elder J. A. Eudy, As the mountains are around about Jerusalem; Elder E. C. Jones, St. John 13:1; Elder J. F. Adams, St. John 8:3; Elder George Hill, Psalms 139:13.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Carthage, N. C.

Being appointed last year, I now try in my weakness to write, and my desire that the God of Heaven may direct my mind and pen right and if Ihave any subject you will find it recorded in Job 3:3, where he said, "Let the day perish wherein I was born and the night in which it was said a man child was conceived." Evidently Job must have known something of the travel of the children of God, and also they know something of his travels for hesaid his children should all be taught of the Lord and evidently they alltravel the same road. I feel assured I can say with job, "When I am hedged in all around, let the day perish wherein I was born and the night in which this man child was conceived," and, Brethren I yet find myself in that condition and yet do not know how to get out, and over in the 14th chapter we find him saying: "Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble," so Job found no way out of trouble until the appointed time of God, then he speaks and it is done, commands and it stands fast, so we hve trouble because God appointed it, we rejoice the same way. For seeing his days are determined the number his months are within his bounds are appointed and he cannot pass.

Brethren, if his bounds are appointed by the one that made heaven and earth, evidently if he did not go to his bounds, God would be disappointed and the whole thing would be null and void.

So evidently this great God set the day of adversity against the day of prosperity, He also saw fit or purposed to choose a bride for his son and of Adam's posterity which he had created and made which is the grand old church, then he sanctified, justified and glorified. Some sweet day King Jesus will present this glorious bride to the Father, pure and spotless and undefiled, then it is dear brethren, we can say worthy art thou Oh Lord for thou hast redeemed us out of every nation, kindred, and tongue, then we will sing as we have never sung, then he will see the travel of his soul and the purchase of his Bride and be satisfied. So you see the salvation of this bride is as high as the heavens, deep as the bottomless pit, broad as the universe. Brethren, this is the hope of your unworthy servant if a servant at all.

J. F. FULK.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Upper Country Line—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C. 20
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryant, Pine Hill, Route 2 25
Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tarboro City, N. C. 20
Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C. 20
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland Rt. 2, N. C. 30
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C. 20
Little River—Elder E. F. Pearce, Princeton, N. C. 20
Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, Durham, N. C. 20
Lower Mayo—A. J. Lemons, Madison, N. C., Rt. 2 15
Seven Miles—W. V. Blackman, Benson, N. C., Rt. 2 15
Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Endicott, Va 20
Pig River—Elder E. L. Blankenship, Boone Mill Va. 20
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamstown, N. C. 20
Salem—Elder Z. L. Rhue, Rt. No. 4, Winston-Salem, N. C. .. 20
Staunton River—Elder W. R. Dodd, 201 Broad St. Danville Va. 20
New River—Guy B. Phillips, Indian Valley, Va. 20
Elkhorn—Elder C. A. Marshall, Welch, W. Va. 20

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

Tom's Creek—B. I. Harrison, Denton, N. C. 50

Pine M. H.—J. A. Snider, Linwood, Rt. 1, Box 52 50

Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Bennett, N. C. 30

Gaines' Grove—C. S. Gaines, Goldston, N. C. 20

Rock Hill—Jesse Trogdon, Asheboro, N. C., Rt. 3 30

Pierce's Chapel—Elder W. E. Jerrell, Lexington, N. C., Rt. 2 30

Lexington—R. D. Snider, Lexington, N. C. 25

Lamm's Grove—R. L. Comer, Carthage, Rt. 2, N. C. 60

Suggs Creek—Enos Sykes, Asheboro, N. C. 40

White Oak Springs—Maude Johnson, Bennett, N. C. Star Rt. 40

Names of Ordained Ministers in This Association and Their P. O. Addresses

Elder A. C. Key ..... Trinity, N. C., Rt. 1

Elder H. S. Williams ..... Spencer, N. C.

Elder J. F. Fulk, ... Carthage, N. C.

Elder A. F. Nance ..... Seagrove, N. C.

Elder W. E. Jerrell ..... Lexington, N. C., Rt. 2

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND TIME OF COMMUNION

Churches	Time of Communion
Tom's Creek	Fourth Sunday in May
Brush Creek	Second Sunday in July
Gaines' Grove	Third Sunday in May
Pierce's Chapel	Second Sunday in August
Lexington	Fourth Sunday in June
Lamm's Grove	First Sunday in June
Suggs Creek	Second Sunday in May
White Oak Springs	First Sunday in July
Pine Meeting House	Date not set
Rock Hill	Third Sunday in June

CONSTITUTION OF THE ABBOTTS CREEK UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

4. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the earth.

6. We believe that God's elect who are sinners of Adam's fallen family are in His good time effectually called and justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received by faith alone which faith is productive of good works.

7. We believe tha the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

8. We believe baptism by immersion according to the Scriptures, and the Lord's Supper are both ordinances of Jesus Christ, and belong to the believers only.

9. We believe in the ressurrection of the dead both of the just and the unjust and in the final judgment.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinance but such as are regularly baptised and come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.

11. We also believe that an association has no right to assume any authority over churches, but only to sit as an advising council, and shall not impose measures on churches without their knowledge and consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened by singing and prayer by the Moderator or some person by him chosen, letters to be called for and the Association organized.

2. A Moderator shall be chosen by the members of the Association at each meeting , whose duty it shall be to keep good order, explain and put questions, administer reproof and announce decisions.

3. Call for corresponding letters or ministers. Invite the messengers to seats who shall be entitled to equal privileges in the Association with members composing it, except in appointing the place to hold the Association.

4. Inviting ministering brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges with corresponding messengers.

5. Any member in the Association shall have liberty to speak by rising and addressing the Moderator, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called to order by the Moderator, or some member, and if called to order may appeal to the Association for their decision for the propriety of the call.

6. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

7. During the sitting of the Association a respectable decency becoming saints shall be preserved, forbearing to disrespect or interrupt each other while speaking. Proper attention shall be paid to the speaker. All walking about, whispering or talking in time of conference is to be avoided. Members may leave by consent of the Association.

8. It shall be the duty of every member to vote on a question when put except theModerator who shall vote only when the Association is equally divided, then he shall give the deciding vote.

9. A majority shall decide on all matters which may come before them.

10. No query to be debated except sent in from a church or brought in by the committee on arrangements.

11. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, and the minutes distributed in proportion to the contribution.

12. These rules are subject to alteration or amendment when two-thirds of the Association may think necessary.

13. The Association may appoint a clerk as often as they may deem it necessary, whose duty it shall be to enrolll the names of the messengers, minute the stat of the churches and keep regular record of the transactions of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE, 1937

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Recd. by Exp. and Bpt.	Rec'd. by relationship	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Toms Creek	Lee Snider, Clarence Gallimore, B. I. Harrison								18	25.00
Pine Meeting H.	J. A. Snider, J. L. Snider, R. F. Snider								8	10.00
Brush Creek	H. W. Johnson, W. R. Fox, C. W. Anthony								17	6.50
Gaines Grove	D. T. Gaines, C. S. Gaines, J. Gaines								11	4.25
Pierces Chapel	Eld. W. E. Jerrell, C. S. Swanney x, Alma Jerrell							1	8	5.00
Lexington	J. F. Hunt, A. G. Gourley, R. D. Snider	1						1	10	4.50
Lamm's Grove	R. L. Comer, W. M. Bennett, R. E. Lamm					2		2	48	6.80
Suggs Creek	Enos Sykes, W. N. Lanier, Bertha Stewart				1				23	7.25
White Oak Sp.	H. T. Tucker, George Davis, Maude Johnson								8	2.25
Rock Hill	J. N. Trogdon, Jesse Trogdon, A. H. Trogdon								14	5.50
Big Creek	Represented by contribution									.50
	TOTAL	1			1	2		4	165	77.55

Absentees marked thus x

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PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Rock Hill Church

RANDOLPH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Commencing On Saturday Before the Fourth Sunday

in August, 1938

OFFICERS

Elder H. S. Williams, Moderator ..... Spencer, N. C.

Jesse Trogdon, Clerk ..... Asheboro, N. C., Route 3

J. A. Snider, Assistant Clerk ..... Linwood, N. C., Route 1

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 113th SITTING OF THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27th, 1938, 11:00 O'CLOCK A. M.

1. After praise and prayer by Elder J. W. Wyatt the introductory sermon was preached by Elder H. S. Williams from Timothy 4:1-2.

2. After an intermission of one hour the messengers from the several churches met and after praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Dodd the letters from the several churches were called for, read and their contents noted.

3. Called for petitionary letter. None.

4. Omitted reading Rules of Decorum.

5. Elder H. S. Williams was re-elected moderator.

6. Jesse Trogdon was re-elected clerk, who called brother J. A. Snider to his assistance.

7. Invited visiting ministers and messengers to seats. The following were present and seated.

From Upper Country Line: Elder, M. B. Martin, J. W. Gilliam, messengers, Elder John R. Smith, and Brother C. S. Carroll and other visitors.

From Salem: Elders, Z. L. Rhue, S. J. Reich, and brethren A. M. Payne, Joe C. Smith, messengers. Elders, L. T. Tucker, D. R. Pyrtle and G. W. Hill and others visitors.

From Little River: Elder, E. C. Jones and Bro. C. L. Dupree, messengers.

From White Oak: Elders R. W. Garganus, T. H. Edwards, messengers. Bro. I. S. Garner and others visitors.

From Seven Miles: File of Minutes.

From Pig River: Elder, J. A. Brooks, visitor.

From Lower Mayo: Elders. W. H. Freeman, N. B. Gilbert, messengers; Eld. J. W. Wyatt, J. P. Pulliam and others visitors.

From Bear Creek: Elders, J. T. Jones, Oscar Broome, Paul Jones, and Bro. J. W. Jones, messengers; Elder H. L. Almond, Bro. D. C. Page, J. F. Herrin and others visitors.

From Elkhorn: Elders S. J. Priddy, H. V. Snow, W. S. England, messengers.

From New River: Elders, J. F. Summer, Roy S. Smith and Bro. O. L. Surratt, messengers.

From Mill Branch: Bro. and Sister G. W. King and Sister Owens, messengers.

From Smith River: Elder S. L. Moran, messenger; Brother J. V. Austin and others visitors.

From Kehukee: Minutes.

From Contentnea: None.

From Laurel Springs: Elder Jesse Dunbar, Brethren, R. S. Hall and Carl Newman.

From Staunton River: Elders, W. R. Dodd, P. W. Ashworth, Bro. W. J. Oats, messengers; and others visitors.

From South Ouachita, (Louisiana) Elder, R. W Rhodes.

From South Arkansas: Elder, E. J. Lambert.

8. Elders E. C. Jones, Roy S. Smith, were sent to the stand to preach.

9. We received a file of minutes from sister Associations as follows: Little River, Lower Mayo, Smith River, Lower Country Line, White Oak, Seven Miles, Salem, Bear Creek, New River, Elkhorn, Pig River, Kehukee, Mill Branch and Upper Country Line.

10. Appointed brethren W. N. Lanier, Rob Snider, H. W. Johnson together with the moderator, clerk and assistant clerk as committee on arrangements to report Monday morning.

11. Appointed brethren, H. T. Tucker and Enos Sykes as committee on finance.

12. Appointed brethren Lee Snider and J. N. Trogdon to arrange the preaching for the remainder of the Association.

13. Called for the circular letter which was handed in and referred to the committee on arrangements.

14. The Association adjourned until Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 29th. 1938 9:00 O'CLOCK

15. The Association met according to arrangements, opened by praise and prayer by Elder R. W. Garganus.

16. Called messengers names and noted absentees.

17. Called on committee on arrangements to report. The report was received and the committee discharged.

18. Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some reported, those who failed were excused.

19. Appointed corresponding messengers to sister Associations as follows:

To Seven Miles: Elder H. S. Willimas, Bro. Lee Snider.

To Bear Creek: Elders A. F. Nance and W. E. Jarrell, Brethren Rob Snider, C. O. Lanier, W. N. Lanier, Jesse Trogdon and Lee Snider.

To Upper Country Line: Elder H. S. Williams, Brethren Lee Snider, C. O. Lanier, Rob Snider and J. N. Trogdon.

To Lower Country Line: Elder H. S. Williams, Brethren

Lee Snider, C O. Lanier and Rob Snider.

To Lower Mayo: Elders H. S. Williams and W. E. Jarrell, Brethren J. A. Snider, J. L. Snider and Lee Snider.

To Mill Branch: Elder A. C. Key and H. S. Williams, Brethren Lee Snider, C. O. Lanier and Rob Snider.

To Salem: Elders W. E. Jarrell and H. S. Williams, Brethren C. O. Lanier, Bro. Workman, George Harris, Jesse Trogdon and J. N. Trogdon.

To Pig River: Elders W. E. Jarrell and H. S. Williams, Brethren Lee Snider and C. O. Lanier.

To New River. Elders A. C. Key and H. S. Williams.

To Elkhorn: Elder H. S. Williams, Brethren C. O. Gallimore, Lee Snider and Rob Snider.

To White Oak: Elders A. F. Nance, W. E. Jarrell and H. S. Williams, Brethren Lee Snider, C. O. Lanier, H. W. Johnson and Jesse Trogdon.

To Black Creek: Elders A. C. Key and H. S. Williams, Bro. Lee Snider.

To Staunton River: Elder H. S. Williams, Brethren Lee Snider and C. O. Gallimore.

To Contentnea: Minutes.

To Smith River: Elder H. S. Williams, Brethren C. O. Gallimore, Lee Snider and C. O. Lanier.

To Little River: Elder H. S. Williams, Brethren Lee Snider and C. O. Lanier.

To Kehukee. Minutes.

To Laurel Springs: Brethren Lee Snider and Rob Snider, Elder H. S. Williams.

20. The circular letter was read and received and ordered to be printed in these minutes.

21. Appointed Bro. J. A. Snider to write the circular letter for our next year's minutes.

22. Called on the committee on finance to report. They reported as follows:

Sent in from the churches		$ 90.10
Given by Brethren, Sisters and friends		90.55
Allowed for printing and mailing Minutes	$ 32.50	
For ice and other expenses	16.05	
Gave Moderator	10.00	
Gave Clerk	10.00	
Distributed among visiting Elders	77.00	
Banlace in hands of Clerk	35.10	
Total	$180.65	$180.65

The report was received and the committee ordered to be held until the close of the association.

23. Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing and distributing of 800 copies of these Minutes, and $32.50 be allowed for same.

24. On motion gave the moderator and clerk $10.00 each.

25. Called on Presbyteries to report. Pine church reported that on March 6, 1938 a Presbytery was organized with Elders S. J. Reich, H. S. Williams, J. F. Fulk, L. T. Tucker, W. E. Jarrell and U. V. Young, Deacons B. I. Harrison, Lee Snider, C. O Gallimore, R. F. Snider, J. N. Trogdon, W. N. Lanier and A. B. Crews and ordained Bro. J. A. Snider to the office of Deacon.

26. Agreed that our next association be held with the Brush Creek church, Randolph County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1939 and continue through Sunday and Monday. Elder A. C. Key to preach the introductory sermon and Elder A. F. Nance his alternate. Services to begin at 11:00 o'clock. The church is located about six miles South West of Siler City, N. C.

27. Resolve that we extend thanks to God for his mercy and blessings and to the Randolph County Fair Association for the use of the fair ground and buildigs, and to Mr. Clyde Lucas of the National Chair Co., for chairs furnished and to the sheriff and Highway Patrolman for their services, and to the city of Asheboro for water and to Rock Hill church and community for their support to this Asscіation.

28. After the minutes were read and approved the association adjourned to time and place appointed.

ELDER H. S. WILLIAMS, Moderator, Spencer, N. C.

JESSE TROGDON, Clerk, Rt. 3, Asheboro, N. C.

J. A. SNIDER, Assistant Clerk, Rt. 1, Linwood, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Saturday, August 27th, 1938, 11:00 o'clock. Introductory sermon by Elder H. S. Williams, from Timothy 4:1, 2.

Saturday afternoon, Elder E. C. Jones, clerk failed to get text. Elder Roy S. Smith, St. Luke 15:7.

Saturday night, Elder W. H. Freeman, Isaiah 33:8. Elder Oscar Broome no special text; Elder E. J. Lambert, Isaiah 45: 22; Elder John R. Smith, no special text; Elder T. H. Edwards, Exodus 33:21; Elder W. S. England, no special text.

Sunday morning: Praise and prayer by Elder S. J. Priddy, followed by Elder W. R. Dodd, I King 18:1; Elder H. V. Snow, Rev. 15:3; Elder J. A. Brooks, St. Matt., 12:25.

Sunday Afternoon: Elder S. J. Reich, Isaiah 35:8:9; Elder S. L. Moran, clerk did not get text Elder J. W. Wyatt, Gen. 3:9; Elder R. W. Rhodes, Zac. 13:7; Elder J. C. Dunbar, Acts 9:4

Sunday night: Elder Z. L. Rhue, Isaiah 40:1, 5; Elder R. W. Garganus, Psalms 46:8; Elder J. F. Summers, St. John 1:3; Elder S. J. Priddy, Isaiah 63:1; Elder O. C. Hawkins, Gen. 9: 12:14.

Monday morning: Elder J. T. Williams, Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elder L. J. Chandler, Elder D R. Pyrtle, Elder Floyd Adams, and Elder George Hill. Clerk did not get any of their text.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Denton, N. C.

Dear Brethren:

As I was appointed at the last setting of our Association to write the letter for your consideration, I feel so much of my time that I do not know anything aright. I do hope that love may abound through this setting. I want to be at the feet of my brethren

When this task was put on me I felt like that I never could write anything that would be of any comfort to any one. I hope that I have realized it is through the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that we live, move and have our being. He knoweth our ever needs, he has all power in Heaven and earth and beneath the earth.

LEE SNIDER.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

To:

The church at Tom's Creek, the Abbotts Creek association and its correspondence, the bereaved family, a host of relatives and the many friends, inasmuch as it has pleased Almighty God to call from our church and the association and from a beloved home our dearly beloved brother in Christ, Branson Ivey Harrison. We deeply mourn our loss of this dear father in Israel. May his holy spirit reconcile us unto the dispensation of his providence. May heavens blessings rest upon the bereaved family, together with his dear brethren and sisters. We feel that we have nothing to mourn for except our loss which we feel is his eternal gain. Our sincere prayers to God are that it might be his holy will to fill this dear fathers vacancy with an inspired man of God.

We feel that this dear man of God is and will be sincerely missed in his church and by his brethren. May we be so kept as this dear man was so that when we have finished our course we might feel that assurance of meeting him on the sunny banks of sweet deliverance.

Where as, we desire to bow our heads in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well.

Therefore, be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our churchbook, a copy sent to the bereaved family and a copy sent to Zion's Landmark.

Done by order of the church at Tom's Creek in conference on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March 1938.

Signed in behalf of the same
ELDER H. S. WILLIAMS,
C. O. GALLIMORE, Clerk
LEE SNIDER, Deacoon.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

To the church at Suggs Creek the Abbotts Creek Association and its correspondence, the bereaved family, a host of relatives and the many friends in as much as it has pleased Almighty God to call from our church and the association and from a beloved home our dearly beloved Elder Jacob Franklin Fulk. He was born September 30th, 1878, died May 16th, 1938, age 59 years, seven months and 16 days. He joined the Primitive Baptist church at Arat in Surry county, N. C., on Saturday before second Sunday in September, 1901, and was ordained to the ministry February 5, 1921, at Round Peak church, Surry county, N. C. At the time of his death he was a member at Suggs Creek church of the Abbotts Creek Association. We deeply mourn our loss of this dear Elder in Isreal. May his holy spirit reconcile us unto the dispensation of his divine providence. May heavens blessings rest upon the bereaved family together with his dear Brethren and Sisters. We feel that we have nothing to mourn for except our loss, which we feel is his eternal gain. Our sincere prayers to God are that it might be his holy will to fill this dear Elders vacancy with an inspired man of God as we feel he was. We feel that this dear man of God is and will be sincerely missed in his church and by his brethren. May we be so kept as this dear man was so that when we have finished our course that we might feel with that assurance of meeting him on the sunny banks of sweet deliverance. Where as we desire to bow our heads in humble submission to him that doeth all things well, There fore be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our church book, a copy sent to the bereaved family and a copy spread upon our association minutes.

Done by order of the church at Suggs Creek in conference on Saturday before second Sunday in July 1938.

Signed in behalf of the same;

ELDER H. S. WILLIAMS, Moderator

ENOS SYKES, Clerk.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Upper Country Line—J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C. 20
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryant, Pine Hill, Route 2 25
Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tarboro City, N. C. 20
Contentnea—H. L. Brake, Rocky Mount, N. C. 20
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland Rt. 2, N. C. 30
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C. 20
Little River—Elder T. F. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C. 20
Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, Durham, N. C. 20
Lower Mayo—A. J. Lemons, Madison, N. C., Rt. 2 15
Seven Miles—W. V. Blackman, Benson, N. C., Rt. 2 15
Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Endicott, Va. 20
Pig River—Elder John D. Wood Floyd, Star Rt., Roanoke, Va. 20
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamstown, N. C. 20
Salem—Elder Z. L. Rhue, Rt. No. 4, Winston-Salem, N. C. ..20
Staunton River—Elder Posie W. Ashworth, Danville, Va. ...20
New River—Guy B. Phillips, Indian Valley, Va. 20
Elkhorn—Elder C. A. Marshall, Welch, W. Va. 20

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

Tom's Creek—C. O. Gallimore, Thomasville, N. C. 50
Pine M. H.—J. A. Snider, Linwood, Rt. 1, Box 52 50
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Bennett, N. C. 30
Gaines' Grove—C. S. Gaines, Goldston, N. C. 20
Rock Hill—Jesse Trogdon, Asheboro, N. C., Rt. 3 30
Pierce's Chapel—Elder W. E. Jarrell, Lexington, N. C., Rt. 2 30
Lexington—R. D. Snider, Lexington, N. C. 25
Lamm's Grove—R. L. Comer, Carthage, Rt. 2, N. C. 60
Suggs Creek—Enos Sykes, Asheboro, N. C. 40
White Oak Springs—Maude Johnson, Bennett, N. C. Star Rt. 40

Names of Ordained Ministers in This Association and Their P. O. Addresses

Elder A. C. Key, ... Carthage, N. C.
Elder H. S. Williams ..... Spencer, N. C.
Elder A. F. Nance ..... Seagrove, N. C.
Elder W. E. Jerrell ..... Lexington, N. C., Rt. 2

NAMES OF CHURCHES AND TIME OF COMMUNION

Churches	Time of Communion
Tom's Creek	Fourth Sunday in May
Brush Creek	Second Sunday in July
Gaines' Grove	Third Sunday in May
Pierce's Chapel	Second Sunday in August
Lexington	Fourth Sunday in June
Suggs Creek	Second Sunday in May
White Oak Springs	First Sunday in July
Pine Meeting House	First Sunday in June
Rock Hill	Third Sunday in June

CONSTITUTION OF THE ABBOTTS CREEK UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the o'd and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

4. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe in the doctrine of Election that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the earth.

6. We believe that God's elect who are sinners of Adam's fallen family are in His good time effectually called and justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received by faith alone which faith is productive of good works.

7. We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

8. We believe baptism by emersion according to the scriptures, and the Lord's Supper are both ordinances of Jesus Christ, and belong to the believers only.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead both of the just and the unjust and in the final judgment.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinance but such as are regularly baptized and come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.

11. We also believ that an association has no right to assume any authority over churches, but only to sit as an advising council, and shall not impose any measures on churches without their knowledge and consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened by singing and prayer by the Moderator or some person by him chosen, letters to be called for and the Association organized.

2. A Moderator shall be chosen by the members of the Association at each meeting, whose duty it shall be to keep good order, explain and put questions, administer reproof and announce decisions.

Call for corresponding letters or ministers. Invite the messengers to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges in the asssociation with members composing it, except in appointing the place to hold the association.

4. Invite ministering brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges with corresponding messengers.

5. Any members in the Association shall have liberty to speak by rising and addressing the Moderator, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called to order by the Moderator, or some member, and if called to order may appeal to the Association for their decision for the propriety of the call.

6. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

7. During the sitting of the Association a respectable decency becoming saints shall be preserved, forbearing to disrespect or interrupt each other while speaking. Proper attention shall be paid to the speaker. All walking about, whispering or talking in time of conference is to be avoided. Members may leave by consent of the Association.

8. It shall be the duty of every member to vote on a question when put except the Moderator who shall vote only when the Association is equally divided, then he shall give the deciding vote.

9. A majority shall decide on all matters which may come before them.

10. No query to be debated except sent from a church or brought in by the committee on arrangements.

11. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, and the minutes distributed in proportion to the contribution.

12. These rules are subject to alteration or amendments when two-thirds of the Association may think necessary.

13. The Association may appoint a clerk as often as they may deem it necesary, whose duty it shall be to enroll the names of the messengers, minute the state of the churches and keep a regular record of the transactions of the Association.

Statistical Table For 1938

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Exp. & Bap.	Rec'd by Relationship	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Tom's Creek	C. O. Gallimore, Lee Snider, C. O. Lanier							1	17	31.00
Pine Meeting H.	W. F. Pope, W. L. Young, T. L. Beck		3						10	10.00
Brush Creek	H. W. Johnson, C. W. Anthony, V. G. Johnson					1		1	15	6.00
Gaines' Grove	D. T. Gaines, C. S. Gaines, Mammie Gaines	1							12	5.00
Pierces Chapel	Elder W. E. Jerrell, C. S. Swaney* Alma Jerrell			1				1	9	5.00
Lexington	J. F. Hunt, R. D. Snider, A. G. Gaurley								10	4.00
Lamm's Grove	Elder A. C. Key, R. D. Comer, R. L. Comer								48	10.00
Sugg's Creek	W. N. Lanier, Enos Sykes, Bertha Stewart			2				1	24	10.35
White Oak Spgs.	H. T. Tucker, George Davis, Maude Johnson								8	2.25
Rock Hill	A. H. Trogdon, J. N. Trogdon, Jesse Trogdon								14	6.50
Big Creek	Not Represented									
	TOTAL	1	3	3		1		4	167	90.10
	Absentees marked thus *									

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MINUTES

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One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Session

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ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with the

PIERCE'S CHAPEL CHURCH
RANDOLPH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Commencing On Saturday Before the Fourth Sunday
in August, 1942

OFFICERS

JESSE TROGDON, *Moderator*_____213 44th St., Newport News, Va.
J. A. SNIDER, *Clerk*_____1122 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.
J. N. TROGDON, *Asst. Clerk*_____Asheboro, N. C., P. O. Box 81

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 117TH SESSION OF THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND, 1942, 11:00 A.M.

1st: After praise and prayer by Elder N. B. Gilbert, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. T. Atkinson and was followed by Elder E. F. Pollard.

2nd: After an intermission of one hour, the messengers from the several churches met in the house, and after praise and prayer by Elder E. F. Pierce, the letters from the several churches were called for, read and their contents noted.

3rd: Called for petitionary letter. None received.

4th: Omitted reading rules of Decorum.

5th: Bro. Jesse Trogdon was elected moderator.

6th: Bro. J. A. Snider was elected clerk. Bro. J. N. Trogdon was elected assistant clerk.

7th: Invited visiting Elders and visitors to seats.

The following were present and seated:

Upper Country Line: Elder J. W. Gilliam, messenger.

Salem: Elders D. R. Pyrtle, Z. L. Rhue, L. P. Martin, E. H. Burchet, and Bro. W. G. Hutchins, messengers. Elder L. T. Tucker and others, visitors.

Little River: Elder E. F. Pierce, messenger.

White Oak: Elders L. L. Yopp, R. W. Gurganos, E. F. Pollard, and Bro. B. F. Robinson, messengers.

From Seven Mile: File of Minutes.

From Pigg River: File of Minutes.

From Lower Mayo: Elders J. W. Wyatt, N. B. Gilbert, W. H. Freeman, Jesse Paschal and others, messengers.

From Bear Creek: Elders Clarence Whitley, W. M. Coley, Harvey Almond, Licentiate, P. W. Brown, Bros. C. C. Hall, Lester Williams, and others, messengers.

From Elkhorn: File of Minutes.

From New River: File of Minutes.

From Mill-Branch: File of Minutes.

From Smith River: Elder B. H. Martin, and minutes.

From Kehukee: File of Minutes.

From Contentnea: Sister J. W. Wyatt, and minutes.

From Laurel Springs: File of Minutes.

From Zion: File of Minutes.

From Black Creek: File of Minutes.

From Staunton River: File of Minutes.

From Lower Country Line: File of Minutes and represented by Elder J. W. Wyatt.

8th: Elders B. H. Martin and Clarence Whitley were sent to the stand to preach for the people.

9th: We received a file of Minutes from sister associations as follows: Mill-Branch, Lower-Country Line, White Oak, Elkhorn, New-River, Kehukee, Pigg River, Lower-Mayo, Staunton-River, Seven-Mile, Laurel-Springs, Little-River, Salem, Smith-River, Bear-Creek, Upper Country Line, Contentnea, Zion, and Black-Creek.

10th: It was agreed for the moderator to make all temporary appointments.

11th: Appointments were made as follows: Committee on Arrangements: C. O. Galimore, C. O. Lanier, Lonnie Dunn, Elder W. E. Jarrell, Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

12th: Committee on Finance: Eneas Sikes, R. F. Snider.

13th: Committee to arrange the preaching for the remainder of the association: Lee Snider, W. N. Lanier.

14th: Called for Circular Letter, which was handed in and referred to the committee on arrangements.

15th: Agreed that our next association be held with the church of Lamms-Grove, in Moore County, on Highway No. 15, 7 miles southeast of Carthage, North Carolina, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1943 and continuing through Sunday and Monday. Elder A. C. Key to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder S. T. Atkinson as Alternate.

16th: It was moved and seconded that we adjourn until Monday morning at nine o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, 9:00 O'clock, AUGUST 24TH, 1942

17th: The association met according to arrangements. Opened by praise and prayer by Elder J. W. Gilliam.

18th: Called messengers names and noted absentees.

19th: Called on committee on arrangements to report. The report was received and the committee discharged.

20th: Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some reported, those who failed were excused.

21st: Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations. Appointments were made as follows:

To Seven-Mile: Elders S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Jarrell, and Bro. C. O. Galimore.

To Bear-Creek: Elder A. C. Key and Bro. W. L. Young.

To Lower Country Line: Elder W. E. Jarrell, Bros. Lee Snider and C. O. Lanier.

To Upper Country Line: Elders S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Jarrell, and Bro. J. N. Trogdon.

To Lower-Mayo: Elder S. T. Atkinson, Bros. R. F. Snider, and J. A. Snider.

To Mill-Branch: Elder W. E. Jarrell, Bros. Lee Snider and C. O. Galimore.

To Salem: Elder W. E. Jarrell, Bros. J. N. Trogdon, C. O. Galimore, Jesse Trogdon, C. G. James and J. A. Snider

To Pigg-River: Elder S. T. Atkinson and Bro. C. O. Galimore.

To New-River: Elder W. E. Jarrell.

To Elkhorn: Bro. W. N. Lanier.

To White Oak: Elders S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Jarrell, Bro. R. D. Snider, and Jesse Trogdon.

To Black-Creek: Elder W. E. Jarrell.

To Staunton River: Bros. J. A. Snider and C. O. Galimore.

To Contentnea: Elder W. E. Jarrell.

To Smith River: Bros. Lee Snider and C. O. Galimore.

To Little River: Elders S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Jarrell and Bro. J. N. Trogdon.

To Kehukee: Elder W. E. Jarrell.

To Laurel Springs: Elder A. C. Key and Bro. J. N. Trogdon.

To Zion: Elder W. E. Jarrell.

22nd: The circular letter was read and received and ordered to be printed in these minutes.

23rd: Appointed Elder A. C. Key to write the circular letter for next year's minutes.

24th: Called on finance committee to report. Report as follows:

RECEIPTS

Sent in from churches	$ 83.00
Carried over from last year	12.60
Given by Brethren, Sisters and Friends	42.77
Total	$138.37

DISBURSEMENTS

Allowed for printing and distribution of minutes	$ 35.00
Gave clerk for his services	10.00
Distributed among the Elders	63.37
Balance in hands of clerk	30.00
Total balance and distribution	$138.37

The report was received and the committee ordered to be held until the close of the association.

25th: Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of 1,000 copies of these minutes.

26th: On motion gave the clerk $10.00 for his services.

27th: Called on presbyteries to report. Gaines Grove Church reported the ordination of Bro. A. D. Stutts to the office of Deacon. The following Elders were present: A. B. Barnam, E. H. Burchett, A. C. Key, R. F. Keaton, L. P. Martin, with deacons D. T. Gaines and C. S. Gaines.

Lamm's Grove Church reported the ordination of Bro. R. D. Comer to the office of Deacon.

The following Elders were present: David Spangler, A. C. Key, D. R. Pyrtle, R. F. Keaton, with deacons R. L. Comer, Pharaoh Bullock, third Sunday in June, 1942.

28th: Resolved that we extend thanks to God for his wonderful mercy and blessings shown unto us during this association and to Pierce's Chapel Church, Brethren, Sisters and Friends and to the community at large for their kindness and hospitality shown us during this association.

29th: After the minutes were read and approved the association adjourned to place and time appointed.

Jesse Trogdon, Moderator, 213 44th St., Newport News, Va.
J. A. Snider, Clerk, 1122 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.
J. N. Trogdon, Assistant Clerk, Box 81, Asheboro, N. C.

"We feel the preaching brethren were blessed to preach the 'WORD' in its purity, to the comfort and edification to us poor pilgrims. We feel there was the most love and fellowship manifested unto one another, both old and young this poor pilgrim ever witnessed and at the close of the association, two came forward and united with the church, where there was great rejoicing and one joined at baptizing that evening, where there was much rejoicing. This was a baptizing this poor pilgrim will never forget. May the Lord continue his blessings towards us and may our Elders, brethren and sisters and friends continue to visit us. Clerk."

ORDER OF PREACHING

Saturday, August 22nd, 1942, 11:00 o'clock A.M. After praise and prayer by Elder N. B. Gilbert, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. T. Atkinson. Text Rev. 1:1.

Was followed by Elder E. F. Pollard. No certain text.

Saturday afternoon: Elder B. H. Martin. Clerk failed to get text.

Elder Clarence Whitley. No certain text.

Elder W. H. Freman. Isaiah 40:1.

Saturday night: Elder A. C. Key. "Is there not a cause?"

Elder S. T. Atkinson. No certain text.

Sunday morning: Opened by praise and prayer by Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Elder E. F. Pierce. Cor. 1:17.

Elder R. W. Gurganos. Isaiah 54:17.

Elder L. P. Martin. Rev. 22:16-17.

Elder E. F. Pollard. Ephe. 2:1.

Sunday afternoon: Elder L. L. Yopp. John 17th Chapter.

Elder Z. L. Rhue. John 3:1.

Elder N. B. Gilbert. Matt. 8:27.

Elder J. W. Wyatt. "By grace ye are saved."

Elder D. R. Pyrtle. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, etc."

Sunday night: Worship by praise and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson. Licentiate Porter Brown. 1st Tim: 1:16.

Monday morning: Elder J. W. Gilliam. Clerk failed to get text.

Elder E. F. Pierce. 1st John 24:24.

Elder S. T. Atkinson closed with a wonderful subject of God and his love toward his dear children.

J. A. SNIDER, Clerk,
1122 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

My dear brethren and sisters: If I should be so highly favored as to claim such wonderful relationship with so great a people, I will say, being appointed by the association as you all know to write what is called the circular letter, that I feel it is a great task for me to undertake, realizing so sensibly my imperfections and the most of my time it seems I have such little understanding and knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ that it makes me fear to even try to say anything concerning the wonderful works of God, but I humbly hope I have been given to understand some things, and also to feel His presence at times in such a way that it causes me to rejoice in Him and also to love and esteem your sweet fellowship. May it please Him that His grace alone continue to abound among us poor pilgrims as we journey on in the way He has ordained we should go.

How wonderful it is to think that our God has from time to time brought us together and caused us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Every one who was present at our last association could truthfully say that we all have been brought through many sad changes and many have been the clouds of darkness and unbelief hovering over us. But we can say with the apostle, thanks be to our God that He saw fit for the Son of Righteousness to burst through these clouds and cause us to see and understand that behind a frowning Providence He hides His smiling face; then it is easy to say that all things are working for our good. I humbly beg that it may be His will for us all to rejoice in His redeeming love as often as we may be blessed to meet together, and that all who are appointed to preach may be so highly favored to preach Christ and Him crucified, to the praise of God and to the comfort of our poor benighted souls. I hope I am one who believes in a God that owns and controls everything in heaven and earth, to the salvation of all His saints and to the destruction of the wicked and brings all things to pass in His own good time and place, that His power is made known throughout all the earth. May we all be blessed to continue to meet in His great name, and feel that His grace has always been sufficient for us in all things, and may we continue to feel His forgiving love and power, and that we may be blessed to meet from time to time and at the place appointed by Him and to meet as a body of loving and forgiving children. I feel I had better close by asking that the association may be so led that we all may feel when we have to take the parting hand that the Lord was in the place and we knew it not. Submitted in love, I humbly hope, and in the faith and fellowship of all who love the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

A little brother in hope of eternal life through the gift of His dear Son.

S. T. Atkinson.

IN MEMORY OF A. H. TROGDON

In memory of a dear father in Israel, Albert Harrison Trogdon, who was born Oct. 19th, 1872, and died Feb. 2nd, 1942, in his seventieth year of life. He united with the Rock Hill Primitive Baptist Church on the 22nd day of April 1905, it being Easter Sunday. He was ordained to the office of deacon of said church on Saturday before the third Sunday in August 1906. He remained a faithful

and devoted member and deacon until his death which came sudden. Our desire is that we may be kept by the same power that kept and preserved him. Therefore be it resolved that a copy of this be enrolled on our church records, and it is our desire that a copy of this be printed in our minutes of the Abbott's Creek Association. This the 14th day of February, 1942.

Elder Z. L. Rhue, Moderator.
Jesse Trogdon, Church Clerk.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Upper Country Line—J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C., Rt. 1 ---- 25
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryant, Pink Hill, N. C. ---- 25
Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tabor City, N. C. ---- 25
Elder J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., Route ---- 25
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C. ---- 25
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C. ---- 25
Little River—Elder T. F. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C. ---- 25
Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, Durham, N. C. ---- 25
Lower Mayo—A. J. Lemons, Stokesdale, N. C. ---- 25
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Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Rt. 3, Ferrum, Va. ---- 25
Pigg River—Elder J. D. Wood, Floyd Star Route, Roanoke, Va. ---- 25
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowen, Williamstown, N. C. ---- 25
Salem—Elder Z. L. Rhue, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C. ---- 25
Staunton River—J. F. Williams, Keeling, Va. ---- 25
New River—Guy B. Phillips, Bluefield, W. Va. ---- 25
Elkhorn—Elder C. A. Marshall, Welch, W. Va. ---- 25
Zion—E. G. McKinney, Rt. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C. ---- 25
Laurel Springs—G. D. Sykes, Toast, N. C. ---- 25

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Pine M. H.—W. L. Young, Rt. 5, Lexington, N. C. ---- 40
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Pierce's Chapel—Elder W. E. Jarrell, Rt. 2, Lexington, N. C. ---- 35
Lexington—R. D. Snider, Lexington, N. C. ---- 35
Lamm's Grove—R. L. Comer, Rt. 2, Carthage, N. C. ---- 60
Suggs Creek—Eneas Sikes, Asheboro, N. C. ---- 50

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Elder S. T. Atkinson ---- Rt. 1, Linwood, N. C.
Elder W. E. Jerrell ---- Rt. 2, Lexington, N. C.

Licentiate

C. G. Jones ---- Lexington, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, WHEN LAST ASSOCIATION HELD, AND TIME OF COMMUNION

Churches	*Pastors*	*Last Asso.*	*Time of Communion*
Tom's Creek	Elder D. R. Pyrtle	1941	Fourth Sunday in May
Brush Creek	Elder A. C. Key	1939	Second Sunday in July
Gaines' Grove	Elder E. H. Burchet	1937	Third Sunday in May
Pierce's Chapel	Elder W. E. Jarrell	1934	Second Sunday in Aug.
Lexington	Elder L. T. Tucker	1933	First Sunday in June
Sugg's Creek	Elder Z. L. Rhue	1940	Second Sunday in May
Pine M. H.	Elder S. T. Atkinson	1936	Second Sunday in June
Rock-Hill	Elder Z. L. Rhue	1938	Third Sunday in June
Lamm's Grove	Elder A. C. Key	1935	First Sunday in March Then Quarterly

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Pine Meeting House	R. F. Snider, T. L. Beck, W. L. Young								14	10.00
Brush Creek	H. W. Johnson, H. Johnson, Margaret Sanders								15	3.50
Gaines' Grove	D. T. Gaines, C. S. Gaines, A. D. Stutts	1						1	11	5.00
Pierce's Chapel	W. E. Jarrell, Lonnie Small, C. S. Swaney								11	3.00
Lexington	R. D. Snider, J. F. Hunt, C. G. Jones						1		7	8.00
Lamm's Grove	R. L. Comer, R. D. Comer, R. E. Bryant							1	41	10.00
Sugg's Creek	W. N. Lanier, Eneas Sikes, Geo. Davis								31	16.00
Rock Hill	J. N. Trogdon, Lonnie Dunn, Ivey Dunn							2	17	8.50
Big Creek	Not Represented									
	TOTAL	2					1	4	164	83.00
	Absentees Marked Thus *									

MINUTES

of the

One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Session

of the

ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with the

LAMMS GROVE CHURCH
DAVIE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Commencing On Saturday Before the Fourth Sunday
In August, 1948

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE 118TH SESSION OF THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21ST, 1943, 11:00 A. M.

1st: After praise and prayer by Elder W. H. Freeman the introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. C. Key, was followed by Elder W. S. Jarrell.

2nd: After an intermission of one hour, the messengers from the several churches met in the house, and after praise and prayer by Elder M. F. Westbrook the letters from the several churches were called for, read and their contents noted.

3rd: Called for petitionary letter, none presented.

4th: Reading the rules of Decorum were omitted.

5th: Elected Moderator—Bro. Jesse Trogdon.

6th: Elected Clerk—Bro. J. A. Snider.

7th: Elected Asst. Clerk—Bro. J. N. Trogdon.

8th: Invited visitors to seats.

The following were present and seated:

From Upper Country Line: Sister H. C. Terrell.

From Salem: Elders Geo. Hill, D. G. Staples, and Bro. W. G. Hutchins, Sister Cornelison and others.

From Little River: Elder R. B. Parrish, and Brethren B. H. Whitley, J. Langdon, Wade Brown, J. J. Batten and others.

From White Oak: Elder L. L. Yopp.

From Seven-Mile: Elder M. F. Westbrook, Bro. M. T. Whittington and others.

From Pigg-River: Minutes.

From Lower Mayo: Elders W. H. Freeman, R. D. Bell, Jack Pulliam, and J. W. Wyatt.

From Bear Creek: Elders Clarence Whitley, F. E. Honeycutt, Elder H. L. Almond and wife and others.

From Elkhorn: Minutes.

From New River: Minutes.

From Mill Branch: Minutes.

From Smith River: Minutes.

From Kehukee: Minutes.

From Contentnea: Minutes.

From Laurel Springs: Represented by Elder Geo. Hill.

From Zion: Minutes.

From Black Creek: Brethren W. F. Boswell, and Albert Boswell.

From Staunton River: Minutes.

From Lower Country Line: F. D. Long and others.

9th: The following Elders were sent to the stand to preach: Elder H. L. Armond, and Bro. C. G. Jones.

10th: We received a file of minutes from sister associations as follows: Mill Branch, Lower Country Line, White Oak, Elkhorn, New River, Kehukee, Pigg River, Lower Mayor, Staunton River, Seven-Mile, Laurel Springs, Little River, Salem, Smith River, Bear Creek, Upper Country Line, Contentnea, Zion, and Black Creek.

11th: It was agreed for the Moderator to make all temporary appointments.

12th: Appointments were made as follows:

13th: Committee on Arrangements: Elders L. T. Tucker, and Brethren Lee Comer, C. O. Lanier, Moderator, Clerk, Asst. Clerk.

14th: Committee on Finance: Bros. Eneas Sikes, L. C. Galimore.

15th: Committee to arrange the preaching for the remainder of the association: Bros. Lee Snider, W. N. Lanier.

16th: Called for circular letter: Elder A. C. Key, was appointed to write the Circular Letter, but being in feeble health, failed to write one. He was excused by the association.

17th: It was agreed that our next session of the Abbott's Creek Association be held with the church of Gaines Grove, in Chatham County, North Carolina, five miles southwest of Goldston, N. C. Commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday, August, 1944 and continuing through Sunday and Monday.

18th: It was agreed that we adjourn until Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

19th: Monday morning 10:00 o'clock, August 23rd, 1943.

The Association opened one hour late on account of illness of Elder J. W. Wyatt.

The Association was opened with praise and prayer by Elder D. G. Staples.

20th: Called messengers' names and noted absentees.

21st: Called on committee on arrangements to report. Report was received and the committee discharged.

22nd: Called on corresponding messengers to report. Some reported, those who failed were excused.

23rd: Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations.

Appointments were made as follows:

To Seven-Mile: Elder A. C. Key.

To Bear Creek: Elder L. T. Tucker, and Brethren R. F. Snider, J. F. Hunt, J. N. Trogdon, C. O. Galimore, W. L. Young.

To Lower Country Line: Brethren Jesse Trogdon, C. O. Galimore, J. N. Trogdon.

To Upper Country Line: Brother J. N. Trogdon, Elder W. E. Jarrell and wife.

To Lower Mayo: Brethren C. O. Galimore, Lee Comer, C. O. Lanier.

To Mill Branch: Bro. Lee Snider.

To Salem: Brethren W. L. Young, C. O. Galimore, J. N. Trogdon, W. H. Workman, C. O. Lanier.

To Pigg River: Elder W. E. Jarrell and wife, Brethren C. O. Galimore, J. A. Snider.

To New River: Elder W. E. Jarrell, and wife.

To Elkhorn: Brother W. N. Lanier.

To White Oak: Brethren C. O. Galimore, Jesse Trogdon, Lee Snider, and C. O. Lanier.

To Black Creek: Brother Pharoah Bullock.

To Staunton River: Brother C. O. Galimore.

To Contentnea: Brother Jesse Trogdon.

To Smith River: Minutes.

To Little River: Elder L. T. Tucker, Brother Pharoah Bullock.

To Kehukee: Brother Jesse Trogdon.

To Laurel Springs: Elder A. C. Key, Elder L. T. Tucker, Brethren C. O. Galimore, W. L. Young and J. A. Snider.

To Zion: Minutes.

24th: Elder Key failed to write Circular Letter.

25th: Appointed Bro. D. T. Gaines to write the Circular Letter for next year's minutes.

26th: Called on Finance Committee to report. They reported as follows:

RECEIPTS

Sent in from Churches	$112.00
Carried over from last year	30.00
Given by Brethren, Sisters and Friends	55.80
Total	$197.80

DISBURSEMENTS

Allowed for printing and distributing minutes	$ 35.00
Gave Clerk for his services	10.00
Distributed among the Elders	58.80
Ambulance and Doctor for Elder J. W. Wyatt	24.00
For postage and stationery	2.00
Total Disbursements	$129.80
Balance in hands of Clerk	$ 68.00

The report was received and the committee ordered to be held until the close of the association.

27th: Appointed the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of 1,000 copies of these minutes.

28th: On motion gave the clerk $10.00 for his services.

29th: Called on Presbyteries to report. None reported.

30th: Resolved that we extend our most sincere thanks to God for his wonderful mercy and blessings shown unto us during this association, and to Lamms Grove Church, Brethren, Sisters and Friends and to the community at large, for their kindness and hospitality shown us during this association.

31st: After the minutes were read and approved, the association adjourned to place and time appointed.

Jesse Trogdon, Moderator 653 G Street, Copeland Park, Newport News, Va.
J. A. Snider, Clerk, 1122 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, 2, N. C.
J. N. Trogdon, Asst. Clerk, Asheboro, N. C., Box 81.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Saturday, August 21st, 1943, 11:00 o'clock A. M. After praise and prayer by Elder W. H. Freeman, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. C. Key. Text: "Preach the Word."

Was followed by Elder W. E. Jarrell. Text: John 3:7.

Saturday Afternoon Elder Harvey Almond, text, "What the Lord Doeth, He Doeth Forever."

Bro. C. G. Jones, text: Rev. 12:16.

Elder W. H. Freeman, text: "The Gospel Shall be Preached, etc."

Saturday night: Elder W. E. Jarrell, (clerk not present).

Elder Harvey Almond, (clerk not present).

Sunday morning: Elder M. F. Wes.brook, text: Isaiah 41:17.

Elder R. B. Parrish, text: Matt. 1:1.

Sunday evening: Elder R. D. Bell, text: "By Grace Ye Are Saved, etc."

Elder L. L. Yopp, text: Samuel 17:29.

Elder Clarence Whitley, text: "As I Purpose So Shall it Stand."

Elder Jack Pulliam, text: "God Made All Things That Were Made."

Elder A. C. Key closed with some wonderful remarks.

Sunday night: Elder L. T. Tucker, text: Psalms 65:4.

Elder F. E. Honeycutt, text: Romans, 8th Chapt.

Monday morning: Elder A. G. Staples, Elder Geo. W. Hill, Elder L. L. Yopp. The clerk being busy in Association failed to get text.

Elder J. W. Wyatt, attended our association on Monday, but on account of sudden illness was unable to preach.

We feel that the Elders were blessed to preach the "Word" to the comfort of his dear saints, and we hope they have a mind to visit us again, together with all our dear brethren, sisters and friends.

J. A. SNIDER, Clerk
1122 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Upper Country Line—J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C., Rt. 1_____ 25
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryant, Pink Hill, N. C._____ 25
Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tabor City, N. C._____ 25
Contentnea—Elder J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., Route_____ 25

Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, Monroe, N. C. 25
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C. 25
Little River—Elder T. F. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C. 25
Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, Durham, N. C. 25
Lower Mayo—A. J. Lemons, Stokesdale, N. C. 25
Seven Mile—W. V. Blackmon, Route 2, Benson, N. C. 25
Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Rt. 3, Ferrum, Va. 25
Pigg River—Elder J. D. Wood, Route 8, Roanoke, Va. 25
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowen, Williamstown, N. C. 25
Salem—Elder Z. L. Rhue, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C. 25
Staunton River—J. F. Williams, Keeling, Va. 25
New River—Guy B. Phillips, Bluefield, W. Va. 25
Elkhorn—Elder C. A. Marshall, Welch, W. Va. 25
Zion—E. G. McKinney, Rt. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C. 25
Laurel Springs—G. D. Sykes, Toast, N. C. 25

MINUTES TO SISTER CHURCHES

Tom's Creek—C. O. Gallimore, 5 Carmalt St., Thomasville, N. C. 60
Pine M. H.—W. L. Young, 967 S. Salisbury St., Lexington, N. C. 40
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Bennett, N. C. 35
Gaines' Grove—C. S. Gaines, Goldston, N. C. 35
Rock Hill—J. N. Trogdon, Box 81, Asheboro, N. C. 40
Pierce's Chapel—Elder W. E. Jarrell, Rt. 2, Lexington, N. C. 35
Lexington—R. D. Snider, Lexington, N. C. 35
Lamm's Grove—R. L. Comer, Rt. 2, Carthage, N. C. 60
Suggs Creek—Eneas Sikes, Asheboro, N. C. 50

Names of Ordained Ministers in This Association and Their Post Office Addresses

Elder A. C. Key ..... Carthage, N. C.
Elder S. T. Atkinson ..... Rt. 4, High Point, N. C.
Elder W. E. Jerrell ..... Rt. 2, Lexington, N. C.
Elder L. T. Tucker ..... Rt. 2, Thomasville, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, WHEN LAST ASSOCIATION HELD, AND TIME OF COMMUNION

Churches	*Pastors*	*Last Asso.*	*Time of Communion*
Tom's Creek	Elder D. R. Pyrtle	1941	Fourth Sunday in May
Brush Creek	Elder A. C. Key	1939	Second Sunday in July
Gaines' Grove	Elder E. H. Burchet	1937	Third Sunday in May
Pierce's Chapel	Elder W. E. Jarrell	1942	Second Sunday in Aug.
Lexington	Elder L. T. Tucker	1933	First Sunday in June
Sugg's Creek	Elder Z. L. Rhue	1940	Second Sunday in May
Pine M. H.	Elder S. T. Atkinson	1936	Second Sunday in June
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Brush Creek	H. W. Johnson								15	3.00
Gaines' Grove	D. T. Gaines, B. W. Gaines, C. P. Phillips	3						2	13	12.00
Pierce's Chapel	Eld. W. E. Jarrell, Alma Jarrell, Mattie Small								11	5.00
Lexington	Eld. L. T. Tucker, C. G. Jones, J. F. Hunt	1		1					9	12.25
Lamm's Grove	Thomas Flinchum, R. L. Comer, G. W. Allen	1		1					43	10.00
Sugg's Creek	W. N. Lanier, H. T. Tucker, Eneas Sikes								31	30.00
Rock Hill	J. N. Trogdon, W. H. Trogdon, Lonnie Dunn							1	16	8.75
Big Creek	Not Represented									
	TOTAL	11		2			1	3	174	112.00
	Absentees Marked Thus*									

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CHATHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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OFFICERS

Isaac Thomas, Moderator ..... Asheboro, N. C., R. 8

J. A. Holmes, Clerk ..... 1825 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, 5, N. C.

J. S. Hudson, Asst. Clerk ..... Asheboro, N. C., P. O. Box 81

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 119TH SESSION OF THE

ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26TH, 1944, 11:00 A. M.

1st: After praise and prayer by Elder W. J. Berry the Introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. H. Burchett, was followed by Elder A. C. Key.

2nd: After an intermission of one hour, the messengers from the several churches met in the church house, and after praise and prayer by Elder J. F. Boles, the letters from the several churches were called for, read and their contents noted.

3rd: Called for Petitionary letter: None presented.

4th: Reading the rules of Decorum: Were omitted.

5th: Bro. Jesse Trogdon, was elected Moderator.

6th: Bro. J. A. Snider, was elected Clerk.

7th: Bro. J. N. Trogdon, was elected Asst. Clerk.

8th: Invited visiting brethren and sisters to seats.

The following were present and seated:

Upper Country Line: Elder W. C. King.

From Salem: Elder Geo. Hill, A. B. Barham, E. H. Burchett, Z. L. Rhue, D. R. Pyrtle, L. P. Martin, and others.

From Little River: Bro. Wade Brown.

From White Oak: Elder L. L. Yopp, Bro. Bland Lanier and Bro. Young.

From Seven Mile: Minutes.

From Pigg River: Minutes.

From Lower Mayo: Elders J. W. Wyatt and Wife, Eld. W. H. Freeman.

From Bear Creek: Elders J. A. Eudy, Clarence Whitley, Harvey Armond and Wife, Bro. Lester Williams and others.

From Elkhorn: Minutes.

From New River: Minutes.

From Mill Branch: Minutes.

From Smith River: Minutes.

From Kehukee: Minutes.

From Contentnea: Minutes.

From Laurel Springs: Elder J. F. Boles and wife, Bro. Throckmorton.

From Zion: Minutes.

From Black Creek: Minutes.

From Staunton River: Minutes.

From Lower Country Line: Bro. Arthur Adams and wife.

From Seclusia Church, (California) Elder W. J. Berry, and wife.

9th: The following Elders were sent to the church to preach.
Elders A. B. Barham, and Clarence Whitley.

10th: We received a file of minutes from sister associations as follows: Mill Branch, Lower Country Line, White Oak, Elkhorn, New River, Kehukee,

Pigg River, Lower Mayo, Staunton River, Seven Mile, Laurel Springs, Little River, Salem, Smith River, Bear Creek, Upper Country Line, Contentnea, Zion, and Black Creek.

11th: It was agreed for the moderator to make all temporary appointments.

12th: Appointments were made as follows.

13th: Appointed on committee on arrangements: Elder S. T. Atkinson. Brethren Eneas Sikes, C. G. Jones, moderator, clerk, and asst. clerk.

14th: Appointed on committee on finance: Bro. Corby Gaines and Bro. C. O. Lanier.

15th: Appointed on committee to arrange the preaching for the remainder of the association, Bros. Lee Snider, and D. T. Gaines.

16th: Called for circular letter: Which was handed in and referred to committee on arrangements.

17th: It was agreed that our next session of the Abbotts Creek association be held with the church of Rock Hill located in Randolph County, North Carolina, 2-miles south west of Asheboro, N. C. on old Farmers road, commencing on Saturday morning before the fourth Sunday in August, 1945 and continuing through Sunday and Monday.

Elder Z. L. Rhue to preach the Introductory sermon with Elder W. E. Jarrell, as Alternate.

18th: It was agreed that we adjourn until Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

19th: Monday morning 9:00 o'clock, August 28th, 1944.

The association opened with praise and prayer by Eld. L. P. Martin.

20th: Called messengers names and noted absentees.

21st: Called on committee on arrangements to report,

We the committee on arrangements submit the following report.

That Bro. C. G. Jones of Lexington church, is due this association acknowledgements, for speaking out of order in Saturday's session of the Abbotts Creek Association, and casting undue reflection on the work and honesty of the Finance committee, and the committee on arrangements, which includes the moderator, clerk and asst. clerk in handling the financial affairs of the association in last years session.

We also recommend that if Bro. C. G. Jones does not make proper acknowledgements to the association for his conduct, that his home church (Lexington) is to be notified by the officers of this association at their earliest convenience.

It was moved and seconded, and carried without a dissenting vote to accept the report of the committee.

A move and second was made by the association, which was carried without a dissenting vote to send the committee on arrangements, together with the moderator, clerk and asst. clerk to notify Lexington church of Bro. Jones conduct at their earliest convenience.

(Bro. Jones was present in Monday's session, but failed to make satisfaction to the association.)

22nd: Called on corresponding messengers to report: some reported those who failed were excused.

23rd: Appointed corresponding messengers to sister associations.

Appointments were made as follows:

To Seven Mile: Elder W. E. Jarrel and wife.

To Bear Creek: Eld. W. E. Jarrell and wife, Brethren R. F. Snider, J. A. Snider, J. F. Hunt, and Jesse Trogdon.

To Lower Country Line: Eld. W. E. Jarrell and wife, Bro. C. O. Lanier.

To Upper Country Line: Eld. W. E. Jarrell, Bro. J. N. Trogdon.

To Lower Mayo: Brethren C. O. Lanier, J. A. Snider, and C. O. Galimore.

To Mill Branch: Eld. W. E. Jarrell and wife, Bro. Lee Snider.

To Salem: Brethren C. O. Lanier, Lee Snider, Lonnie Galimore, W. H. Horkman, J. N. Trogdon.

To Pigg River: Minutes.

To New River: Minutes.

To Elkhorn: Bros. W. N. Lanier, J. A. Snider.

To White Oak: Eld. W. E. Jarrell and wife, Bro. Jesse Trogdon.

To Black Creek: Eld. W. E. Jarrell and wife.

To Staunton River: Minutes.

To Contentnea: Eld. W. E. Jarrell.

To Smith River: Eld. W. E. Jarrell.

To Little River: Eld. W. E. Jarrell, Bro. Jesse Trogdon.

To Kehukee: Eld. W. E. Jarrell and wife.

To Laurel Springs: Elders S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Jarrell, Brethren Lee Snider, J. A. Snider, Lonnie Galimore.

To Zion: Minutes.

24th: The Circular letter was read and received and ordered to be printed in these minutes.

25th: Called on Bro. J. N. Trogdon to write the circular letter for our next years minutes.

26th: Called on finance committee to report, they report as follows:

RECEIPTS:

Sent in from our churches	$129.50
Carried over from last year	68.00
Donated by Brethren, Sisters and Friends	70.00
Total Receipts	$267.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

Allowed for printing and distributing Minutes	$ 35.00
Gave clerk for his services	10.00
Distributed among Elders for "Expenses"	111.00
Donated to Janitor for his Service	10.00
Total Disbursements	$166.00
Balance in hand of clerk	$101.50

The report was received and the committee ordered to be held until the close of the association.

27th: Appointed the clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of 1,000 copies of these minutes.

28th: On motion gave the clerk $10.00 for his service.

29th: Called on presbyteries to report: None reported.

30th: Resolved that we extend our most sincere thanks to God for his wonderful mercy and blessings, shown unto us during this association and to the Gaines Grove church, Brethren, sisters and friends and to the community at large for their kindness and hospitality shown unto us during this association.

31st: After the minutes were read and approved, the association adjourned to place and time appointed.

Jesse Trogdon, Moderator, Asheboro, N. C., Rt. 3.

J. A. Snider, Clerk, Charlotte, N. C., 1122 N. Tryon St.

J. N. Trogdon, Asst. Clerk, Asheboro, N. C., P. O. Box 81.

ORDER OF PREACHING

After praise and prayer by Elder W. J. Berry, the Introductory sermon was preached by,

Elder E. H. Burchett, "Text" Luke 2:41. Was followed by Elder A. C. Key, "Text" In that day a fountain shall be opened, etc.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Elder Clarence Whitley, "Text" In the day of these kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom, etc.

Elder W. H. Freeman, "Text" Ezekiel 2:1.

Elder J. F. Boles, "Text" In the beginning God made all things.

Elder Z. L. Rhue, "Text" John 6:44-45.

Elder A. B. Barham, "Text" Jeremiah 1:5.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder H. L. Armond, "Text" John 3:14.

Elder J. W. Wyatt, "Text" As I thought shall it be. As I purpose so shall it stand.

SUNDAY MORNING

Service opened by Elder Z. L. Rhue, by song and prayer.

Elder J. A. Eudy, "Text" I once was lost, but now I'm found.

Elder D. R. Pyrtle, "Text" In him all fullness shall dwell.

Elder W. C. King, "Text" The word of our God shall stand forever.

SUNDAY EVENING

Elder J. W. Wyatt, "Text" Ye must be born again, etc.

Elder Z. L. Rhue, "Text" John, 13:35.

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Elder J. W. Wyatt, "Text" What is man, that the Lord should be mindful of him.

MONDAY MORNING

Elder L. P. Martin, "Text" Thessalonians 5:19.

Elder L. L. Yopp. No certain Text.

Elder Geo. Hill, clerk failed to get text.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Goldston, N. C.

Dear Brethren:

As I was appointed at the last association to write the letter for your consideration, I feel so much of my time that I do not know anything aright, I do hope that love may abound through this setting, I want to be at the feet of my brethren.

When this task was put on me I felt like that I never could write anything that would be of any comfort to any one, I hope that I have realized it is through the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that we live, move and have our being, He knoweth our ever needs, he has all power in Heaven and earth. and beneath the earth.

D. T. GAINES.

J. A. Snider, Clerk, 1122 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, N. C.

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Elder W. E. Jerrell ---Rt. 2, Lexington, N. C.
Elder L. T. Tucker ---Rt. 2, Thomasville, N. C.

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Brush Creek	H. W. Johnson								15	5.00
Gaines Grove	David Gaines, A. D. Stutts, C. P. Phillips								13	21.00
Pierces Chapel	Eld. W. E. Jarrel, Alma Jarrel, Lonnie Small	1						2	10	5.00
Lexington	R. D. Snider @ J. F. Hunt, C. G. Jones	1						1	9	15.00
Lamms Grove	G. W. Allen, R. E. Bryant, Thomas Flinchum	5			1		1		49	16.00
Suggs Creek	Eneas Sikes, H. T. Tucker, W. N. Lanier							1	30	19.50
Rock Hill	J. N. Trogdon, Lonnie Dunn, Ivey Dunn								16	10.50
Big Creek	Not Represented									
	TOTAL								181	129.50
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PROCEEDINGS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1946

121st ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ABBOTTS CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH LEXINGTON CHURCH, Friday and Saturday before 4th Sunday in August, 1946.

1. After praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Dodd, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder L. T. Tucker, followed by Elder S. T. Atkinson.

2. After one hour of intermission the messengers from the several church met in the house; prayer was offered by Elder W. C. King. The letters were read and contents noted, and all were seated.

3. Called for petitionary letters—none.

4. Reading Rules of Decorum omitted.

5. Moved and seconded that Brother Jesse Trogdon serve as our Moderator.

6. Brother J. A. Snider asked to be relieved of the duties of Clerk, he was excused, and Brother R. L. Comer was elected Clerk.

7. Brother J. N. Trogdon asked to be relieved as Ass't. Clerk; he was relieved and Brother R. D. Comer was elected Ass't. Clerk.

8. Invited visiting brethren and Sisters to seats; the following were present and seated:

Upper Country Line: Elder W. C. King and wife, Elder J. W. Giliam, Elder W. J. Berry and wife.

Salem: Elders D. R. Pyrtle, A. B. Barham, G. W. Hill, Z. L. Rhue, Brother Ottes Cobb.

Lower Mayo:Elders N. B. Gilbert, Sam Gilbert, James Gardner, Brother Rhodes and wife.

Bear Creek: Elders Clarence Whitley, H. S. Williams, Eudy and Brother D. C. Page.

Elkhorn: Minutes.

New River: Minutes.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

Smith River: Minutes.

Kehukee: Brother C. L. White.

Contentnea: Sister Ella C. Jefferson.

Laurel Springs: Elders Ed Hall, J. F. Bowles and wife, Brother Goodson and others.

Black Creek: Minutes.

Staunton River: Elder W. R. Dodd, Brother S. A. Slaughter.

Lower Country Line: Brother W. R. Hawkins, Geo. Carrington, Joe Monsees, Sister O. C. Hawkins.

Little River: Elders Floyd Adams, E. C. Jones, Bro. Wade Brown.

White Oak: Elders S. Gray, F. W. Rhodes, David Fountain and wife

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Pigg River: Minutes.

9. Agreed that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

10. Committee on arrangements: R. D. Snider, Enos Sikes, J. N. Trogdon.

11. Preaching Committee: W. N. Lanier, Lee Snider.

12. Finance Committee: C. O. Lanier, Kern Snider.

13. Called for Circular Letter. Brother R. D. Snider failed to write one and asked to be excused; he was excused.

14. Agreed to hold next Association with Church at Suggs Creek, Randolph County, N. C., 5 miles south-west of Seagrove; Elder Zennie Rhue to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder D. R. Pyrtle, alternate.

15. Agreed to adjourn until Monday morning, 9:30 a. m.

MONDAY MORNING:

The Association was opened by praise and prayer by Elder J. W. Gilliam.

16. Committee on Arrangements made report and was discharged.

17. Appointed Brother R. D. Comer to write Circular Letter for next year's minutes.

18. Called for Corresponding Messengers' Report. Those who failed to attend were excused.

19. Called presbyteries to report—none.

20. Appointments to Associations:

Seven Mile: Elders S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Jarrell and wife, Brother Jesse Trogdon.

Bear Creek: Elder S. T. Atkinson and wife, W. L. Young, W. N. Lanier, J. F. Hunt and Jesse Trogdon.

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Kehukee: Elder W. E. Jarrell and wife.

21. Called on Finance Committee to report. They reported as follows:

Sent in from our Churches		$141.85
Given by Brothers, sisters and friends		117.60
Left over from last year		63.00
Total		$322.45

Disbursements:

Allowed for printing and mailing minutes	$42.50	
Gave Clerk for his service	10.00	
Distributed among visiting elders	200.00	
For use of school building	10.00	
Balance in Clerk's hands		$59.95
		$262.50

22. Agreer to give Clerk ten dollars for his services.

23. Moved and agreed that we extend our most heartfelt thanks to God for His wonderfnl blessings and mercy shown us during our Association; also the City School Board of Holt School for use of the building, als to Lexington Church and country at large for their love shown us.

24. The minutes were read, and approved; the Association adjourned to time and place appointed.

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SATURDAY EVENING:

Elder N. B. Gilbert, Isa. 6:1; Elder Fred Rhodes, Gen. 7:4.

SATURDAY NIGHT:

Elder S. Gray, Elder Clarence Whitley.

SUNDAY MORNING:

Elder S. Gray, Heb. 11:24-26; Elder W. R. Dodd, There is therefore no condemnation etc.; Elder Edd Hall, 1 Jn..

SUNDAY EVENING:

Elder Joe Bowles, Have no righteousness to plead; Elder Puckett, Cry aloud and spare not; Elder Porter Brown, 1 Cor.; Elder Clarence Whitley, We know that all things etc.

MONDAY MORNING:

Song and prayer by Elder J. W. Gilliam.

Elder L. P. Martin, 1 Cor. 15:1; Elder Jesse Dunbar, Psa. 51:5; Elder W. J. Berry, excused himself; Elder Floyd Adams, Isa. 55:1; Elder Z. L. Rhue, Lu. 19:1; Elder Everett Jones, closed; Elder G. W. Hill dismissed.

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Rock Hill	J. N. Trogdon, Lonnie Dunn, Ivy Dunn	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	17.00
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1948 Session convenes with Toms Creek Church, Davidson County, N. C., beginning Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, and continuing three days.

OFFICERS

JESSE TROGDON—Moderator . . . Rt. 3, Asheboro, N. C.
R. L. COMER - Clerk . . . . Rt. 2, Carthage, N. C.
R. D. COMER - Ass't Clerk . . . . . Rt. 1, Cameron, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 122nd ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ABBOTT'S CREEK UNION PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT SUGGS CREEK,

Beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1947, and continuing three days.

Saturday Morning:

1. Services were opened with song and prayer by Elder Fred W. Rhodes, and the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Z. L. Rhue. text: 2 Cor.: 10:4-5.

2. After an intermission for lunch, the Messengers and Correspondents assembled in the house. The Moderator called the Association to order and asked Elder O. J. Croker of the Yellow River Association, to open the Association with song and prayer, after which the Association proceeded to business as follows:

3. The Clerk called the roll of the churches of the Association; the messengers seated and enrolled in the Statistical Table.

4. On motion it was agreed that Brother Jesse Trogdon serve as Moderator through this session, R. L. Comer as Clerk and R. D. Comer as Assistant Clerk.

5. On motion it was agreed that the Moderator appoint all necessary committees, and the following were appointed:

Committee on Arrangements: Bros. Enos Snider, Robert Snider, Lee Snider.

Committee on Finance: Bros. C. O. Lanier, Lonnie Dunn.

6. On motion it was agreed to have the Church Letters read and the statistical informantion, together with the contribution be entered in the Statistical Table of these minutes.

7. Moved that the Moderator call for Petionary Letters, none.

8. Regular Correspondents and visitors from Sister Associations or churches who are in fellowship with us were called for as follows:

Black Creek: Minutes.

Bear Creek: Elders H. S. Williams, Bros. Lester Williams, C. C. Hall, Brother Mullis.

Contentnea: Minutes.

Elkhorn: Elders C. A. Marshall, Sam Priddy and wife, W. S. England.

Lower Country Line: Bros. A. J. Hill, Hawkins and others.

Lower Mayo: Elders James Gardner, Zeb Rhodes, Sam Gilbert.

Little River: Elder T. F. Adams.

Laurel Springs: Elders Jesse Dunbar, Joe Bowles, Bro. G. W. Throkmorton.

Mill Branch: Minutes

New River: Minutes.

Pigg River: Minutes:

Staunton River: Elder W. J. Berry.

Salem: Elders A. B. Barham, Z. L. Rhue, D. R. Pyrtle, Bro. Geo. Hutchens and others.

Seven Mile: Elder M. F. Westbrook, Bros. B. L. Godwin, Barfoot.

Upper Country Line: Bro. C. S.Carroll and wife, Elder D. V. Spangler and wife, Brother T. I. Saunders and wife, Elder W. J. Berry and wife.

White Oak: Elder Fred Rhodes, Bro. Irving Garner and wife.

VISITORS:

Smith River: Elder L. I. Gilbert; South Ouachita Association of Arkansas and Louisana: Elder E. J. Lambert; Yellow River of Georgia: Elder O. J. Croker.

9. The Circular Letter was called for and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

10. By motion the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9:30.

11. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Conference was opened by song and prayer by Elder O. J. Croker of the Yellow River Association of Georgia; then proceeded to business as follows:

12. The roll of the churches was called and their messengers present entered in the Statistical Table.

13. Messengers appointed to visit Sister Associations at our last session called to make their report. New appointments for this session were taken as follows:

Black Creek: Elder W. E. Jarrell and wife.

Bear Creek: Brother Jesse Trogdon, C. O. Gallimore and Brother Workman.

Contentnea: Elders S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Jarrell.

Elkhorn: Bro. W. N. Lanier, Lonnie Dunn, Bro. Jesse Trogdon.

Kehukee: Elder W. E. Jarrell and wife.

Lower Country Line: Elder W. E. Jarrell, Bros. Jesse Trogdon, C. O. Gallimore.

Lower Mayo: Elder W. E. Jarrell, Bro. Jesse Trogdon.

Little River: Brother Enos Sikes, Elders W. E. Jarrell, S. T. Atkinson.

Laurel Springs: Bros. R. L. Comer and wife, R. D. Comer and wife.

Mill Branch: Bro. Lee Snider, Elder S. T. Atkinson

New River: Bro. W. L. Young.

Pigg River: Bro. C. O. Gallimore, Eld. W. E. Jarrell.

Staunton River: Elder S. T. Atkinson, Bro. C. O. Gallimore, Jesse Trogdon.

Smith River: Minutes.

Salem: Bros. W. N. Lanier, R. L. Comer and wife, Robert Snider, W. L. Young, Lee Snider.

Seven Mile: Bro. Workman, Jesse Trogdon, C. O. Gallimore.

Upper Country Line: Bros. Jesse Trogdon, R. L. Comer and wife, Brother Workman.

White Oak: Bro. W. N. Lanier, Lonnie Dunn, Jesse Trogdon.

14. It was agreed that we correspond with Sister Associations as heretofore.

15. Moved to hear reading of Circular Letter, which was approved

and ordered to be printed in our minutes.

16. Appointed Bro. James Faulk to write the next Circular Letter.

17. It was agreed that our next session be held with Tom's Creek Church, Davidson Co., beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1948, and continuing three days.

18. It was agreed that Elder D. R. Pyrtle preach the introductory sermon and Elder S. T. Atkinson be his alternate.

19. Called on Finance Committee to report, which reported as follows:

Balance in hands of Clerk	$63.00
Contributions from Churches	144.50
Contributions from other sources	91.50
Total	$299.00

Disbursements:

For printing and mailing minutes	$ 42.50
For Clerk's services	
For Moderator	
To visiting ministers	181.00
Miscellaneous expenses	
Total	$223.50

Balance in hand of Clerk $75.50

20. Moved to receive the financial report and discharge the committee.

21. Agreed that we express our thanks to Almighty God for His mercy and many blessings upon us. We thank the Star Lumber Co. for lumber, and Mr. Bob and Ray Caudle for ice and water, also Martin Snider for installing lights in church.

22. The minutes were read and by motion approved by the Association to be recorded and 1000 copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the churches and our correspondence.

23. Moved to adjourn. Closed with song and prayer by Elder D. V. Spangler of the Upper Country Line Association.

JESSE TROGDON, Moderator
R. L. COMER, Clerk
R. D. COMER, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Saturday Morning:

Elder Z. L. Rhue, preached the introductory, 2 Cor. 10.4-5

Saturday Evening:

Elder Zeb Rhodes, (failed to get text)
Elder Fred Rhodes, Pure and undefiled religion

Saturday night:

Elder H. S. Williams
Elder O. J. Croker

Sunday Morning:

Elder Jason Eudy opened service by song and prayer
Elder L. I. Gilbert, no special text.
Elder Joe Bowles, Gen. 1.
Elder S. J. Priddy, no special text.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder M. F. Westbrook, Acts 4:6
Elder James Gardner
Elder C. A. Marshall, Gen 1:1
Elder Ed Hall, Unspeakable and full of glory.

Sunday Evening:

Elder J. T. Jones
Elder E. J. Lambert, Rev. 22:16
Elder C. D. Whitley, Who do men say that I am?

Monday Morning:

Elder E. J. Lambert, Lovest thou me more than these?
Elder Floyd Adams, The burning bush
Elder Letcher Martin, My God will supply all your needs

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Saints of the Abbott's Creek Association:

One year has passed since we met, and as I did not attend the Association on Monday, my dear brother in the flesh, and in the Spirit, I hope, told me I was named to write the Circular Letter.

I feel so little and incompetent, knowing we have many who could write, as it were, having a certain sound, as that of a silver trumpet. Unless my pen is directed by the hand of the Lord, what I write will be as the sound of brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

I like to think of our God as being a whole Savior, one who works in the armies of heaven and among the inhabitants of the

earth, and no man can stay His hand, or say, "Jehovah, what doest thou." One who looked and saw there was none to help, but His own arm brought salvation down. "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance." Oh what can weak, puny man do to help such a wonderful God? He who knew the end from the beginning, and says in His word, "I am Alpa and Omega, the beginning and the end."

I am not disturbed as to the Primitive Baptists being the true children of God, but when I look in on this old man and find so many imperfections, I know that if I am saved, it is by the grace of God and that alone. When I first felt the weight of sin,I tried everything in my own strength to find rest and peace, but ere long I had to stand still and know that He is God, and beside Him there is none else. It is wonderful to hope that He first loved us as He did Jacob. It is written, "Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth".)

I believe that if we love, it is because we were first loved. There is a drawing power, don't you see, which is love. God's children do love one another. It is a natural family, whereas the parents love the child even before it is born, and then it in turn loves its parents; also the whole family loves one another with a special love, different from that of strangers. So it is with God's children. There is a special love. My greatest trouble is, am I one of this spiritual family? Much of my time, I am crying within myself, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.'f I am so often begging for a renewal of hope as mine gets so dim I can only hope I have a hope. I am made to wonder, why do I love this "peculiar" people? Am I drawn to them by this special love? One thing I know, there is a satisfaction in meeting with this people in love and fellowship that the world knows not of, neither can it afford.

Submitted in love,

Yours in Hope,

RAYMOND D. COMER

MINUTES TO CHURCH CLERKS

Tom s Creek—C. O. Gallimore, 5 Carmalt St., Thomasville, N. C. 60
Pine Meeting H.—W. L. Young, 967 S. Salisbury St., Lexington, N. C. 40
Brush Creek—H. W. Johnson, Bennett, N. C. 20
Gaines' Grove—C. S. Gaines, Golston, N. C. 35
Rock Hill—Jesse Trogdon, Ashboro, N. C., Rt. 3 50
Pierce's Chapel —Elder W. E. Jarrell, Rt. 2, Lexington, N. C. 35
Lexington—R. D. Snider, Lexington, N. C. 35
Lamm's Grove—R. L. Comer, Rt. 2, Carthage, N. C. 60
Suggs Creek—Eneas Sikes, Asheboro, N. C 50

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Bear Creek. T. A. Williams, Monroe, N. C. 25
Black Creek— Elder W. E. Turner, 107 W. Lee St., Wilson, N. C. 25
Contentnea—Elder J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C. 25
Elkhorn—Elder C. A. Marshall, Welch, W. Va. 15
Kehukee—Elder R. B. Denson, Rocky Mount, N. C. 25
Little River—Elder El C. Jones, Varina, N. C. 25
Laurel Springs—E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. 15
Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, Durham, N. C. 25
Mill Branch—E. L. Vaught, Loris, S. C. 20
New River—Guy B. Phillips, Indian Valley, Va. 15
Pigg River—Elder J. D. Wood, Rt. 5, Baltimore 7, Md. 25
Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Endicott, Va. 25
Salem—Elder Z. L. Rhue, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C. 25
Staunton River—W. J. Oakes, Blairs, Va. 20
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C. 25
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Tr. 11992, Camp Lejeune, N. C. 25
Zion—E. G. McKinney, Rt. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C. 10

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder L. T. Tucker ..... Rt. 2, Thomasville, N. C.
Elder W. E. Jarrell ..... Rt. 2, Lexington, N. C.
Elder S. T. Atkinson ..... Box 17, Rt. 4, High Point, N. C.

COMMUNION TIME, PASTORS AND LAST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	PASTOR	LAST ASSO.	TIME OF COMMUNION
Tom's Creek	Elder D. R. Pyrtle	1941	Fourth Suday in May
Brush Creek	Elder S. T. Atkinson	1939	Second Sunday in July
Gaines's Grove	Elder E. H. Burchet	1944	Third Sunday in May
Pierce's Chapel	Elder W. E. Jarrell	1942	Second Sunday in Aug
Lexington	Elder L. T. Tucker	1933	First Sunday in June
Sugg's Creek	Elder Z. L. Rhue	1940	Second Sunday in May
Pine Meeting H.	Elder S. T. Atkinson	1936	Second Sunday in June
Rock-Hill	Elder Z. L. Rhue	1945	Third Sunday in June
Lamm's Grove	Elder S. T. Atkinson	1943	First Sunday in March Then Quarterly.

CONSTITUTION

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

4. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world.

6. We believe that God's elect who are sinners of Adam's fallen family are in His good time effectually called and justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus, received by faith alone which faith is pro-

ductive of good works.

7. We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

8. We believe baptism by immersion according to the scriptures, and the Lord's Supper are both ordinances of Jesus Christ, and belong to the believers only.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead both of the just and the unjust, and in the final judgemnt.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinance but as are regularly baptized and come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.

11. We also believe that an association has no right to assume any authority over churches, but only to sit as an advising council, and shall not impose any measures on churches without their knowledge and consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened by singing and prayer by the Moderator or some person by him chosen, letters to be called for and the Association organized.

2. A Moderator shall be chosen by the members of the Association at each meeting, whose duty it shall be to keep good order, explain and put questions, administer reproof and announce decisions.

3. Call for corresponding letters or ministers. Invite the messengers to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges in the association with members composing it, except in appointing the place to hold the association.

4. Invite ministering brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges with corresponding messengers.

5. Any members in the Association shall have liberty to speak by rising and addressing the Moderator, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called by the Moderator, or some member, and if called to order may appeal to the Association for their decision for the propriety of the call.

6. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject with-leave of the Association.

7. During the sitting of the Association a respectable decency becoming saints shall be preserved, forbearing to disrespect or interrupt each other while speaking. Proper attention shall be paid to the speaker. All walking about, whispering or talking in time of conference it to be avoided. Members may leave by consent of the Association.

8. It shall be the duty of every member to vote on a question when put except the Moderator who shall vote only when the Association is equally divided, then he shall give the deciding vote.

9. A majority shall decide on all matters which may come before them.

10. No query to be debated except sent from a church or brought in by the committee on arrangements.

11. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, and the minutes distributed in proportion to the contribution.

12. These rules are subject to alteration or amendments when two-thirds of the Association may think necessary.

13. The Association may appoint a clerk as often as they may deem it necessary, whose duty it shall be to enroll the names of the messengers, minute the state of the churches and keep a regular record of the transaction of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Ex. & Bap.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
Tom's Creek	Lee Snider, C. O. Lanier, C. O. Gallimore	4	3	..	..	..	..	1	22	$28.25
Pine Meeting H.	Eld. S. T. Atkinson, J. A. Snider, W. L. Young, R. F. Snider.....	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	25	16.00
Gaines Grove ..	A. D. Stutts, D. T. Gaines, C. L. Gaines, C. P. Phillips	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	12.50
Brush Creek	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	5.00
Pierce's Chapel..	Sisters Jenne Varner, Hattie Small, Elder W. E. Jarrell	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	5.00
Lexington	R. D. Snider, J. F. Hunt, L. T. Tucker	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	9	7.00
Lamm's Grove ..	D. M. Denny, J. C. Stanley, C. W. Anthony	1	7	..	..	..	2	..	57	20.00
Sugg's Creek ...	Enos Sikes, W. N. Lanier, George Davis	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	25	29.75
Rock Hill	J. N. Trogdon, Lonnie Dunn, W. H. Trogdon	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	13.50
Big Creek		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	
	Totals.....	12	1	..	..	..	2	2	175	144.50

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MINUTES

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Abbotts Creek (Union) Primitive Baptist Association

— Held with —

TOM'S CREEK CHURCH

Davidson County, North Carolina

August 21, 22, 23,

1948

OFFICERS

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1. After praise and prayer by Elder M. F. Westbrook, from the Seven Mile Association. Elder D. R. Pyrtle preached the Introductory Sermon, text, Isa. 40:6-8.

2. After one hour intermission the Messengers from the several churches met in the house and proceeded to business. The Messengers were seated and the letters were read and contents noted.

3. Called for petitionary letters, none presented.

4. Ommitted reading Rules of Decorum.

5. Brother Jesse Trogdon was elected Moderator.

6. Brother R. L. Comer was elected Clerk, and Brother R. D. Comer, Assistant Clerk.

7. Invited visiting Elders and Messengers to seats. The following were present and seated. Called for Correspondence:

Black Creek: None.

Bear Creek: Brother Lester Williams, Elder Whitley, and others.

Contentnea: None.

Elkhorn: None.

Lower Country Line: A. J. Hill.

Lower Mayo: Elds. Emmett Stone, Layton Wingfield, Zeb Rhodes.

Little River: Elder W. H. Freeman, Brother Wade Brown and wife.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. W. Beasley, J. F. Boles, Sam White, Edd Hall, Bros. Jesse Edwards, George Throckmorton, R. F. Cox, and others.

Mill Branch: Bros. S. G. Norris, and Carl Wright.

New River: None.

Pigg River: None.

Staunton River: None.

Salem: Bros. Lester Wood, Judson Wray and wife, Elders Z. L. Rhue, and wife, S. J. Reich, George Hill.

Seven Mile: Elder M. F. Westbrook, Brother N. T. Whittington, Brother B. L. Godwin.

Upper Country Line: Elder W. C. King and wife.

White Oak: Moved and seconded that White Oak not be seated because of their disorder.

Smith River: Elders B. H. Martin, L. I. Gilbert and others.

8. Elders J. F. Boles and D. G. Staples were sent to the stand to preach.

9. It was agreed for the Moderator to make the temporary appointments.

10. Committee on arrangements, Brothers Lee Snider, C. O. Lanier and Lewis Yates.

11. Preaching Committee, Brothers R. F. Snider and J. N. Trogdon.

12. Committee on Finance, Brothers W. N. Lanier and Lonnie Dunn.

13. Called for Circular Letter.

14. The Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock, preaching to begin at 10: o'clock Sunday morning.

MONDAY MORNING:

15. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder Jesse Dunbar.

16. Called Messengers and noted absentees. Absentees excused.

17. Agreed to have 1000 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the several churches.

18. Report from the several Committees; report received and Committee discharged.

19. Messengers were appointed to the following Associations:

Black Creek: Brother Jesse Trogdon.

Bear Creek: Brother C. O. Gallimore, W. L. Young, Jesse Trogdon and Elder S. T. Atkinson.

Contentnea: Brother Jesse Trogdon.

Elkhorn: Brother Jesse Trogdon.
Gallimore.

Kehukee: Elders W. E. Jarrell, S. T. Atkinson, and Brother C. O.

Lower Country Line: Elders W. E. Jarrell, S. T. Atkinson, and Brother C. O. Gallimore.

Lower Mayo: Brother C. O. Lanier, Elder W. E. Jarrell, Brother Jesse Trogdon.

Little River: Brother Jesse Trogdon, and Elder W. E. Jarrell and S. T. Atkinson.

Laurel Springs: Brothers Jesse Trogdon, C. O. Gallimore and Brother Young.

Mill Branch: Elder S. T. Atkinson, and Brother C. O. Gallimore.

New River:Brother W. L. Young.

Pigg River: Elder W. E. Jarrell.

Salem: Brother R. L. Comer and wife, Jesse Trogdon, G. L. Beck, and Elder S. T. Atkinson.

Staunton River: Brother C O. Gallimore.

Seven Mile: Elder S. T. Atkinson, Brother Jesse Trogdon.

Upper Country Line: Elder W. E. Jarrell, Brother Jesse Trogdon.
White Oak: Minutes.

20. The Circular Letter was read and aproved and ordered printed in our Minutes. Also agreed that Elder W. E. Jarrell write the Circular Letter for next year.

21. Moved and seconded that Elder W. E. Jarrell preach the Introductory Sermon next year and Elder S. T. Atkinson, alternate.

22. It was agreed that our next Association be held with the church at Pierce's Chapel, 15 miles west of Asheboro, N. C. Turn at Wood's Store on Highway 64, Randolph County, commencing on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1949 through Sunday and Monday.

23. Agreed that we express our sincere thanks to Almighty God

for His wonderful blessings and mercy towards us during our meeting together, and also, we wish to express our thanks to the friends of this community for their help and kindness.

24. Financial Report:

Sent in from churches	$150.50
Gifts from brethren sisters and friends	119.20
Carried over from last year	75.50
Total	$345.20
Gave to visiting ministers	131.50
For printing and mailing Minutes	50.00
Balance in hands of Clerk	$163.70

ORDER OF PREACHING

SATURDAY MORNING:

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder D. R. Pyrtle.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder J. F. Boles followed by Elder D. G. Staples, text, Psa. 81:10.

SUNDAY MORNING:

Elder W. C. Whitley, from Bear Creek Association opened services by song and prayer, followed by Elder Emmett Stone, text, John 1:15, followed by Elder J. W. Beasley, no special text, followed by Elder Zennie Rhue, text, Luke 1. Intermission of one hour was given.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder M. F. Westbrook, Job 28: "Where does wisdom come from?" followed by Elder W. C. King, text 1 Tim. 2:8, followed by L. I. Gilbert, "Take no thought what ye shall say" followed by Elder Allen from Bear Creek Association, text 2 Pet. 1:

MONDAY MORNING:

Elder O. J. Denny; Clerk failed to get text, followed by N. L. Gilbert, text, "My Gospel shall be preached," followed by Elder Jesse Dunbar, failed to get text, followed by Elder George Hill, Tim. 4: Meeting was dismissd by Elder S. J. Reich delivering benediction.

CIRCULAR LETTER

As I begin this letter to the Association, I will say that I have been wondering for some time what I would say in writing to my brethren which would be of benefit to them. As it is just about one month until our Association convenes, I am as weak and unfit to write a word of truth today as I was the day I was requested to write to you. Yet, as I sit here in my poor home and try in my weak way to do this which I feel I cannot do, and do not know how to do, I feel that the only true and living God is able to enlighten me and to do for me that which I cannot do.

I have a desire to pray to God for peace and fellowship in the house of God, and to soften our hard and stony hearts and to forgive me, a poor sinner and all the children of God, so that we may dwell together in peace and love whenever and wherever

we may meet together, and especially during our Association.

I know by the path and the way that I have been, that it is not in man to direct his steps. But that God of grace, who is full of understanding and love, has to undertake for us in all of our short-comings and place our feet upon that Rock, which is Christ the way, the truth, and the life. Without this great Deliverer we would be lost in this wicked world of sin which we see around us. This wickedness is in me sometimes and I feel that I am lost forever, that surely God has never known me, a vile sinner. Then sometimes, this never failing Spirit begins to transpire within me and then I have a desire to pray to God for His mercy and understanding. This feeling for the need of prayer is a gift of God just as the blessing itself is. God has the power to quicken our souls and make us afraid. By this way we are brought into the knowledge of God. And we no longer see ourselves as we were with the feeling that we were able to do for ourselves. But we are then made to feel that humbleness and we have a desire for God to deliver us and guide us. I feel this is the only way there is for a poor sinner to know God.

I see the greed of man like unto the hot sun which comes in the dry seasons of the year when it looks like it will surely kill and devour all which is in its reach. Man is greedy in nature, and selfish, he would take all for himself, and leave none for another. But when God's holy Spirit enters his soul, all of this is done away and the truth comes to life. Then we realize we had nothing to boast of, when there comes God's cool, peaceful showers after a hot dry sun has scorched the earth. The new buds come forth and you at once see God in His wisdom, which He purposed from, and before the foundation of the world, that His power would be manifested in time.

I believe God had just as much purpose in one of these adversities as the other. It is just His way of showing His all-prevailing power, when His time comes.

As I close this letter, my prayer is that God will give you the understanding of these words which I have written. I wish all of my brothers and sisters to remember me in their prayers, and let me live with them in peace. And I pray that God will always keep us in hope, that there will be a better home beyond this life. We believe that all things work together for good for them that love God. We know that we cannot love God within ourselves, that He first loved His children. It is not in man's weakness to do anything, even to love God. With this we feel that all power is in His hands and we are made to see Him in the true spirit of truth, then we are satisfied.

A brother in hope,
JAMES FULK

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder L. T. Tucker, R 2, Thomasville, N. C.
Elder W. E. Jarrell, R 2, Lexington, N. C.
Elder S. T. Atkinson, R 4, Box 17, High Point, N. C.

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Tom's Creek	Lee Snider, C. O Lanier, Lewis Yates, James Fulk, alt.	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	40.75
Pine Meeting H.	W. M. Freeman, R. F. Snider, T. L. Beck, J. A. Mosley, alt.	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	30	26.00
Gaine's Grove ..	D. T. Gaines, A. D. Stutts, C. P. Phillips, C. S. Gaines, alt	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	14.00
Brush Creek	No report received	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	3.00
Pierce's Chapel	Alice Pierce, Hattie Small, Alma Jarrell, Eld. W. E. Jarrell, alt..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	5.00
Lexington	H. F. Hunt, Sister Haskins, Sister Lawson, R. D. Snider, alt.....	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	9	10.00
Lamm's Grove..	R. D. Comer, R. E. Bryant, C. W. Anthony, D. M. Denny, alt.....	1	3	3	..	..	..	2	62	20.00
Sugg's Creek ...	W. N. Lanier, Eneas Sikes, George Davis	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	24	20.25
Big Creek	No report received	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	.....
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1950

1. After praise and prayer by Elder D. R. Pyrtle, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder S. T. Atkinson. Text: Fear not, Little Flock. etc., followed by Elder W. E. Jerrell, text, I Am the Way, the Truth. etc.

2. After intermission of one hour. the messengers from the several churches met in the house. Elder J. H. Gentry opened the Association with song and prayr.

3. The letters from the churches were read and contents noted.

4. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

5. Moved and seconded the letters be received and the messengers seatd.

6. Omitted reading the Rules of Decorum.

7. Elected Brother Jesse Tregdon Moderator.

8. Elected Brother R. L. Comer Clerk and Elder S. T. Atkinson, assistant.

9. Invited visiting ministers and messengers to seats the following were present and seated.

From Contentnea: None.

From Elkhorn: Minutes.

From Lower Country Line: Elder F. W. Rhodes, Brother A. J. Hill and Brother George Walker and wife.

From Lower Mayo: Elders N. L. Gilbert, Zeb Rhodes, J. W. Pucket and W. H. Freeman.

From Bear Creek: Elders H. .S. Williams, J. A. Eudy, Brother Atlas Broadway and others.

From Black Creek: None.

From Upper Country Line: Brother C. S. Carroll and wife.

From Laurel Springs: Elders J. H. Gentry, Sam White, Jesse Dunbar, and Brother George Throckmorton.

From Mill Branch: Brother S.G. Norris and Sister Wright.

From Pigg River: None.

From Staunton River: None.

From Salem: Elders D. G. Staples, D. R. Pyrtle, Z. L. Rhue, Brother Payne and others.

From Seven Mile: Brethern N. T. Whittington and B. L. Godwin and wife.

From Zion: None.

From Little River: Elder Floyd Adams and Brother J. J. Batton.

From New River: None.

From White Oak: Elder Batchelor.

From Smith River: None.

From Yellow River: Elder H. O. Nash was seated. We voted to send minutes to T. R. Breedlove, Clerk, Monroe, Ga

10. Elders Frank Keaton and Zeb Rhodes were sent to the stand to preach.

11. Agreed Moderator make all temporary appointments.

12. The appointments were made as follows: Committee on Arrangements, Brethren W. M. Freeman. Wade Barnes and J. A. Snider.

13. Preaching Committee: Brother C. O. Gallimore and Elder W. E. Jarrell.

Finance Committee: Brethren Lee Snider and A. D. Harward.

14. Called for circular letter, which was handed in and referred to Committee on Arrangements.

15. Agreed that the next Association be held with the Church at Lamm's Grove in Moore county, located six miles east of Carthage on Highway 27 and 12 miles west from Sanford, Nos. 1 and 27.

Elder S. T. Atkinson is to preach the introductory sermon and Elder W. E. Jarrell is his alternate.

16. Agreed that we adjourn until Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 28

17. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder N. B. Gilbert.

18. Called messengers and noted absentees.

19. Called on Committee on Arrangements to report. The report was received and committee discharged.

20. Called on Corresponding Messengers to report; some reported and those who did not were excused.

21. Appointed messengers to Sister Associations as follows:

To Seven Mile: Elder W. E. Jerrell, and Brother Jesse Trogdon.

To Bear Creek: Brethren Jesse Trogdon, W. N. Lanier, and Elder W. E. Jerrell.

To Lower Mayo: Elder S. T. Atkinson and Brother R. L. Comer and wife and Brother Jesse Trogdon.

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To Mill Branch: Brother Jesse Trogdon and Elders W. E. Jerrell and S. T. Atkinson.

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To Staunton River: Minutes.

To Smith River: Elders W. E. Jerrell and S. T. Atkinson.

To Contentnea: Minutes.

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To Kehukee: Minutes.

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To Zion: Minutes.

22. The Circular Letter was read and ordered printed in the Minutes.

23. Appointed Brother Jesse Callahan to write the Circular letter for the next Association.

24. Called on Finance Committee to report. The report is as follows:

Sent in from the Churches		$148.50
Carried over from 1949		208.00
Given by brethren, sisters and friends		77.20
		$433.70
Divided among visiting ministers	$250.00	
For printisg Minutes	50.00	
Mailing postage 1949-1950	12.00	
	$312.00	$312.00
Balance in hands of Clerk		$121.70

26. Called on presbyteries to report; none to report.

28. Resolved that we extend thanks to God for His wonderful blessings and mercies shown us during our Association; also to thank the friends and neighbors for their every act of kindness shown us.

29. After Minutes were read and received by the Association, we adjourned to time and place appointed.

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ORDER OF PREACHING

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Elder Frank Keaton—Text, I come not to do My own will.
Elder Zeb Rhodes—Text, The foundation of God standeth sure.
Elder Puckett—Text, I thank Thee, Father, etc.

SUNDAY MORNING

Elder Jesse Dusarb opened services by song and prayer
Elder H. S. Williams—Text. Isaiaha 32:3.
Elder James H. Gentry—No special text.
Elder Fred Rhodes—Text, Isaiah 14:24.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Elder G. D. Staples—Text, Psalms 81:10.
Elder J. C. Dunbar—Text, Eph. second chapter.
Elder J. A. Eudy—No special text.
Elder Z. L. Rhue—Text, We are encompassed about.

MONDAY MORNING

Elder J. J. Batchelor—No special text.
Elder Jimmy Jones—(Failed to get text.)
Elder H. O. Nash—Text, Psalms 19:7-19.
Elder Floyd Adams—Text, Isaiah 41:17-18.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Saints of the Lord:

According to your choosing at the last sitting of this Association of this one to write the Circular Letter for this 1950 gathering I find, feelingly, that you have selected the more ignorant and most sure the weakest member and at times this has been no small concern to me. In my attempts I find myself witnessing with the Apostle that without Christ I can do nothing. Not havig a ywisdom of my own or any goods to bring forth I am caused to look and cry unto the Lord for inspiration, surely no man has ever written to the comfort and edification of the Saints except by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Jesus being the only source of life I find that through Him all strength must come and no man has hope without the mercy of this righteous One. How well it was said that in Him we live, and move, and have our being. According to my experience I am made to see that at my very best in the sight of this Sovereign God I am no more than as filthy rags and left with nothing to hope for but the pure and free blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for my justification if I have any. From a small child I've felt the desire to live in a righteous manner and tried to fulfill it with all the strength I had only to fall far short and learn from the belly of hell that only by the grace of God could a man be saved from the wrath to come. The Apostle said by inspiration, For the good that I would I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do; how well the children of grace have been taught that it's not in man to direct his steps. For by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

As I write I find myself unable to express with words the feeling of joy and thanksgiving for the sweet blessings the Lord has been pleased to bestow upon His people in the past and now as we look forward to see the dark clouds of war minded nations, it causes our hearts to bleed with sorrow but how heavenly it is at times when we can feel that all these sorrows are a"Must needs be"and this great God has promised that through much tribulation we must enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. With surety the Lord has said that He knoweth those that are His. By faith I would say to each to press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus; it will not be long before this blessed Jesus will come for His second time, not to die and bleed but to collect His precious jewels who are washed in His blood and give praise to His name. How glorious it will be to be like Him and be satisfied. According as it is written, He that glorieth let

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God is ruling most supreme,
His righteous purpose, He shall fulfill,
Nothing shall come or go unseen
As He does His blessed will.

Yours in the hope of grace, LEO SNIDER.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder L. T. Tucker, Route No. 1, Clemmons, N. C.
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4. Moved and seconded that we seat Lamm's Grove, Oak Grove, Pierce's Chapel, and Gaine's Grove.

5. Moved and seconded that we withdraw fellowship from Lexington, Rock Hill, Sugg's Creek, and Tom's Creek churches by the reason of the disorder brought in Abbott's Creek Association by the four above mentioned churches continuing to use Elders D. R. Pyrtle and Z. L. Rhue as their pastor after their exclusion from their home church, Bunker Hill, and upholding the D. A. O'Bryant disorder in the Salem Association.

6. After praise and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson, the Association was organized by calling the messengers together from the four orderly churches.

7. Moved and seconded that Elder S. T. Atkinson serve us as our Moderator.

8. Moved and seconded that R. L. Comer serve as Clerk, Brother Mack Freeman as assistant Clerk.

9. Reading Rules of Decorum was omitted.

10. Brother C. G. Jones of Lexington Church declared against the disorder and asked for a home with us, and he was received and his membership is to be at Oak Grove Church.

11. Moved and seconded that we send a Committee to Salem

Association at Burlington to observe their order. They are: Elders S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Jarrell and Brother C. G. Jones, and Brother G. W. Martin. If, in their opinion, they are found in order, they may seat with them.

12. The visiting ministers were invited to seats. The following were present and seated:

Contentnea: None.

Elkhorn: None.

Lower Country Line: None.

Lower Mayo: Elder W. H. Freeman, Brother and Sister Tom Stowe, Elder J. G. Gardner, Elder R. D. Bell and others were seated.

Bear Creek: Excused.

Black Creek: None.

Upper Country Line: None.

Seven Mile: Elder B. L. Godwin and wife, N. T. Whittington and Elder M. F. Westbrook.

Zion: None.

Little River: None.

New River: None.

White Oak: Elder R. P. Bachelor.

Smith River: None.

Laurel Springs: Elders J. H. Gentry, Joe Boles, J. C. Dunbar and wife, Brother E. R. Snead and others.

Mill Branch: Elders H. G. Cox, L. G. Mishoe, J. H. Carter, Brother Paul and wife and others.

Pigg River: None.

Staunton River: None.

Yellow River: None.

Salem: Excused.

13. Agreed that the Moderator make all necessary appointments.

14. Preaching Committee: Brothers R. E. Bryant, R. D. Comer and G. W. Martin.

15. Committee on Arrangements: Elder W. E. Jarrell, Bros. R. L. Snider and W. M. Freeman.

16. Finance Committee: Brothers R. E. Bryant and A. D. Harward.

17. Brother Jesse Calahan was excused for not writing the Circular Letter.

18. Moved and seconded that Gaine's Grove entertain the next Association on the fourth Saturday, Sunday and Monday in August, 1952, located in Chatham County about six miles from Carbouton, and six miles from Golston. The Introductory Sermon to be preached by the pastor of Gaine's Grove, at that time. Alternate, Elder S. T. Atkinson.

19. Agreed to adjourn until Monday morning at 9:30 a. m.

MONDAY MORNING, August 26, 1951.

20. Messengers were called and noted absentees. Those who failed to be there were excused.

21. Committee on Arrangements reported and it was agreed to receive report and discharge the Committee.

22. Called for corresponding messengers. None reported.

23. Appointed messengers to the Associations:

Seven Mile: Elders W. E. Jarrell and S. T. Atkinson.

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Salem: Send Committee.

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White Oak: Elder S. T. Atkinson.

Zion: Minutes.

24. Moved and seconded that we continue our Circular Letter, and that Brother R. L. Comer write same.

25. Finance Committee reported, was received and Committee discharged.

26. Moved and seconded that we have 1000 copies of these Minutes printed as usual.

27. Presbytery: no report.

28. Moved and seconded that we extend thanks to the friends of Lamm's Grove and community for their kindness during our Association.

29. Moved and seconded that the Minutes be received.

ELDER S. T. ATKINSON, Moderator,
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Sent in from churches	$65.50
Carried over from 1950	122.00
Given by brethren and sisters	102.00
Total	$289.50

Gave Ministers	$90.00
Printing and mailing Minutes	$50.00
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Saturday Afternoon:

No preaching.

Sunday Morning:

Elder R. P. Bachelor opened with song and prayer.
Elder H. G. Cox, no special text.
Elder L. G. Mishoe, Jer. 1:4.
Elder Ed. Hall, "Who hath believed our report."
Elder J. H. Gentry, Isa. 46:9-11.
Elder M. F. Westbrook, Psa. 107:13.
Elder J. C. Dunbar, Isa. 26.
Elder W. H. Freeman, no special text.
Elder J. H. Carter Be ready to give reason for your hope.
Elder B. L. Godwin, no special text.

Monday:

Brother C. G. Jones, opened service with song and prayer.
Text, "As you have done it unto the least of these, etc.
Elder W. E. Jarrell Romans 8.
Elder S. T. Atkinson, Isa. 4:4.

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Elder L. T. Tucker, Rt. 1, Clemmons, N. C.
Elder W. E. Jarrell, Rt. 2, Lexington, N. C.
Elder S. T. Atkinson, Rt. 4, Box 17, High Point, N. C.

COMMUNION TIME, PASTORS, AND LAST ASSOCIATION

Gaine's Grove—Elder E. H. Burchett. 3rd Sunday in May 1944
Pierce's Chapel—Elder W. E. Jarrell. 2nd Sunday in August 1949
Oak Grove—Elder S. T. Atkinson. 2nd Sunday in June 1950
Lamm's Grove—Elder S. T. Atkinson. 1st Sunday in March, then quarterly 1951

MINUTES TO CHURCH CLERKS

Oak Grove—W. L. Young, 957 Salisbury St., Lexington, N. C. 40
Gaine's Grove—C. S. Gaines, Goldston, N. C. 35
Pierce's Chapel—Elder W. E. Jarrell, Rt. 2, Lexington, N. C. 35
Lamm's Grove—R. L. Comer, Rt. 2, Carthage, N. C. 60

MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C. 25
Black Creek—Elder W. E. Turner, 403 Monticello Dr., Wilson, N. C. 25
Contentnea—Elder J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C. 25
Elkhorn—Elder C. A. Marshall, Welch, W. Va. 15
Kehukee—Elder R. B. Denson, Rt. 2 Rocky Mt., N. C. 25
Little River—Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C. 25
Laurel Springs—E. R. Snead, State Road, N. C. 15
Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, 525 Holloway St., Durham, N. C 25
Mill Branch—E. L. Vaught, Loris, S. C. 20
New River—Guy B. Phillips, Indian Valley, Va. 15
Pigg River—Elder John D. Wood, P. O. Box 186, Manassas, Va. 25
Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Rt. 3, Box 50, Ferrum, Va. 25
Salem—Elder G. W. Hill, Greensboro, N. C. 25
Staunton River—W. J. Oakes, Blairs, Va. 20
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C. 25
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Beulaville, N. C. 25
Zion—E. G. McKinney, Rt. 3, Mt. Airy, N. C. 10

STATISTICAL TABLE

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Lamm's Grove ..	Bros. R. D. Comer, R. E. Bryant, G. W. Martin, D. M. Denny, alt.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	71	$20.00
Pierces Chapel .	Bros. B. J. Snider, Eld. W. E. Jarrell, Alma Jarrell, Hattie Workman,	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	10.00
Oak Grove	Bros. Carl Cooper, R. F. Snider, Eld. S. T. Atkinson, Russell Jones, alt.	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	33	25.50
Gaines Grove ...	Bros. C. S. Gaines, C. P. Phillips, A. D. Stutts, D. T. Gaines, alt.	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	10.00

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ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL SESSION

— of the —

ABBOTT'S CREEK

Primitive Baptist

Association

— Held With —

GAINES GROVE CHURCH

Chatham County, North Carolina

August 23, 24, 25,

1952

Next session will be with Pierce Chapel, beginning on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1953.

— Officers —

ELDER S. T. ATKINSON, Sr. ..... Moderator
R. L. COMER ..... Clerk
W. M. FREEMAN, ... Assistant Clerk

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Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ABBOTT'S CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, August 23, 1952.

1. After praise and prayer by Elder Roy Smith, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder S. T. Atkinson, text, John 15:12.

2. After intermission of one hour the several churches met in the house. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder W. H. Freeman.

3. The letters were read, contents noted, and delegates seated.

4. Moved and seconded that we elect Elder S. T. Atkinson as our Moderator.

5. Moved and seconded that Brother R. L. Comer be elected Clerk, and Brother Mack Freeman Assistant Clerk.

6. Moved and seconded that the Rules of Decorum be read.

7. Moved and seconded we invite the sister Associations to seat with us. The following were present and seated:

Contentnea: None.

Elk Horn: None.

Lower Country Line: Brother A. J. Hill and wife as visitors.

Lower Mayo: Elders Sam Gilbert, J. G. Gardner, Jack Pulliam, Brother C. G. Hudgens, Sister Rhodes and others.

Bear Creek: It was moved and seconded that we discontinue correspondence with Bear Creek.

Black Creek: None.

Upper Country Line: It was moved and seconded we discontinue correspondence with Upper Country Line.

Seven Mile: Minutes.

Zion: Minutes.

New River Minutes.

White Oak: Minutes.

Little River: None.

Smith River: Brother Noel Tilley and George Jamison as visitors.

Laurel Srings: Elders J. C. Dunbar and wife, Joe Bowles and wife, J. H. Gentry, Brother E. R. Sneed and wife, Brother O. P. Flinchum and wife, and others.

Mill Branch: Minutes.

Pigg River: It was moved and seconded we discontinue correspondence with Pigg River.

Elder H. D. Prillaman, Sister Sallie Prillaman and Nellie Wray were seated, they having withdrawn from the Pigg River Association.

Staunton River: We moved and seconded to discontinue correspondence with Staunton River.

Yellow River: None.

Salem: Elders Frank Keaton, D. G. Staples, G. W. Hill, W. E. Hylton, Ernest Burchett, Brothers Lester Wood, Edd Lee and wife and others.

Dan Valley: Elder Roy Smith and Brother Onis Martin.

8. It was moved and seconded we take up correspondence with Dan Valley Association.

9. It was moved and seconded that the Moderator make all necessary appointments.

10. Preaching Committee: Bros. A. D. Stutz, C. S. Gaines, and C. P. Phillips

11. Committee on Arrangements: Elder W. E. Jarrell, R. D. Comer, and Elder C. G. Jones

12. Finance Committee: Brothers D. M. Denny and A. D. Harward.

13. Moved and seconded the Circular Letter be read.

14. Moved and seconded the Circular Letter be published in our Minutes.

15. Moved and seconded that Elder C. G. Jones write the Circular Letter for our next Association.

16. Moved and seconded that Pierce's Chapel entertain our Association for the 1953 session, and Elder W. E. Jarrell to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder S. T. Atkinson be alternate.

17. Agreed to adjourn until Monday morning at 9:30.

MONDAY MORNING, August 25, 1952.

18. Services were opened with song and prayer by Elder W. E. Hylton.

19. Messengers were called and absentees noted.

20. Moved and seconded we receive report of the several Committees and discharge the same.

21. Appointed messengers to Association as follows:

Seven Mile: Elder C. G. Jones.

Lower Mayo: Elders W. E. Jarrell and wife S. T. Atkinson and Brother Mack Freeman.

Salem: Brothers W. M. Freeman, G. W. Martin, Elders S. T. Atkinson and W. E. Jarrell.

Smith River: Elders W E. Jarrell and C. G. Jones.

Contentnea: Elder W. E. Jarrel and wife.

Little River: Brother A. D. Harward and wife.

Kehukee: Minutes.

Laurel Springs: Elders W. E. Jarrell, S. T. Atkinson, Bros. G. W. Martin, W. M. Freeman and Jess Callahan.

New River: Elder S. T. Atkinson and wife.

Zion: Elder W. E. Jarrell and wife.

Dan Valley: R. L. Comer and wife, Elder S. T. Atkinson and wife, Bros. W. M. Freeman and G. W. Martin.

Lower Country Line: Minutes.

Mill Branch: Elders W. E. Jarrell and wife, S. T. Atkinson and wife, Bros. G. W. Martin, R. L. Comer and wife.

Elkhorn: Elders S. T. Atkins, and W. E. Jarrell

Mates Creek: Minutes.

White Oak: Minutes.

Yellow River: Minutes.

22. Committee on Finance reported:

Carried over from 1951	$149.50
Sent in by churches	78.25
By brothers, sisters and friends	63.65
Total	$291.40

Gave Ministers	$135.00	
Gave Moderator	$15.00	
Printing of Minutes	40.00	
In Clerk's hands	101.40	
Total	$291.40	$291.40

23. Moved and seconded we have 600 copies of the Minutes printed.

24. Brother A. D. Harward from Lamm's Grove Church was ordained as deacon on the fifth Sunday in June, 1952.

ELDER S. T. ATKINSON, Moderator,
R. L. COMER, Clerk.

25. On Saturday, August 23, 1952, the Church at Oak Grove being in conference and in peace at the regular meeting on Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1952, the Church agreed unanimously to call a presbytery for the purpose of ordaining Brother C. G. Jones to the full work of the ministry and by request of Brother Jones the Church agreed to call the presbytery together at the setting of the next Association and chose Brother W. M. Freeman as spokesman for the Church. The presbytery consisting of all ordained authority present being organized, chose Elder S. T. Atkinson Moderator, and Brother E. R. Sneed, Clerk, Elder G. I. Prillaman spokesman for the presbytery. Elder W. E. Jarrell to give the charge, Elder J. H. Gentry the ordination prayer.

Brother Jones was delivered into the hands of the presbytery by Brother Freeman for examination as to his qualifications as a called minister of the gospel, after being found orthodox in faith and practice. The presbytery proceeded with the ordination by offering prayer and the laying on of hands.

The presbytery then turned Brother Jones back into the hands of the church as a duly ordained minister of the gospel.

26. Moved and seconded that we extend thanks to our many friends, neighbors, brethren and sisters everywhere for their kindness during this Association, and to Antioch Church we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to them for their kindness in giving us permission to use their church

Sunday.

27. Moved and seconded the Minutes be read.
28. Moved and seconded Minutes be received.

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ORDER OF PREACHING

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder Roy Smith, text Cor. 5:17.
Elder H. D. Prillaman, The way thrat seemeth right.

\Sunday Morning:

Elder J. H. Gentry, opened service with song and prayer.
Elder Jack Pulliam, Rom. 28:28.
Elder James Gardner, Rom. 8:38, 39.
Elder J. F. Boles, no special text.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder E. H. Burchett, failed to get text.
Elder G. W. Hill, Other foundations.
Elder Edd Hall, excused himself.
Elder J. H. Gentry.

Monday Morning:

Elder D. G. Staples, no special text.
Elder Frank Keaton.
Elder W. E. Hylton, Rom. 8:6.

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Elde S. T. Atkinson, Rt. 66, Box 186, High Point, N. C.
Elder C. G. Jones, 308 N. Salem St., Lexington, N. C.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear brethren, sisters and friends of the one hundred twenty-seventh sitting of the Abbott's Creek Primitive Baptist Association. As I was appointed at our last Association to write the Circular Letter I will try in my weakness to write such things as comes on my mind.

This has been a cross for me, not as to what I should say, as much as how I should say it. Love has been on my mind to study and ponder over since our last Association. I believe there is more than one kind of love. I will say there is a true love, then I would say also there is a false love. Some will follow one kind and some another. The followers of false love will perish, because they must have food to sustain life and there is no food in false love.

We get disturbed over such things, but not our God. He is not mocked, neither is He disturbed. As Paul says in Galatians: "Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." So He is not disturbed. He is in one mind, and who can change Him?

I believe in, and love the wills and shalls of my God. He says ',I will be unto you a God, and you shall be unto Me a people." I have never found in my Bible, or in my experience where man had any say-so in his coming into this world, nor how he should depart. I also have read that God chastens those whom He loveth and those who are without chastisement are bastards and not sons; so if it was fixed, as I do believe it was, and it was finished before the earth was ever inhabited.

You know, we hear a lot these days about action on the part of man; yes, I believe in action, but God promotes man to action. The blessing must always come first. Did not Jesus bless the bread and fish before the multitude was fed; did not Jesus bless the bread and wine before He communed with His disciples? I will not forget the first time communion was held after I joined the Church. I have never had such a feeling, knowing how unworthy and unfit I was to partake of the emblems of tthe Lord's body; and it was made known unto me that my worthiness was in Jesus and not in me. So Jesus is all in all and He does not want for anything as some would have you believe. He has said, "The cattle of a thousand hills are mine and if I were hungry, I would not tell thee, for the world is Mine and the fulness thereof." So I am satisfied God's grace is all sufficient for His elect. I have read where it does not impoverish Him to give, nor does it enrich Him to withhold.

God is not slack concerning His promises. He is full of grace and mercy, and His supply will never diminish or get scarce, for that wonderful storehouse is all-sufficient.

So my worry is: Am I to be one of those happy recipients of that wonderful grace? Am I one of His elect? It gives me great concern.

In closing I will say, "If God be ours, who can be against us?" As one of old has said: "May He be with us and guide this Association in peace and harmony."

Your unworthy brother,

—R. L. COMER

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Gaines Grove ..	A. D. Stutts, C. S. Gaines, C. P. Phillips, D. T. Gaines, alt.	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	16.25
Oak Grove	Jessie Callahan, W. M. Freeman, C. G. Jones, Russell Jones, alt.	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	34	32.00
Lamm's Grove .	A. D. Harward, R. D. Comer, D. M. Denny, R. E. Bryant, alt.	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	69	20.00

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OF THE

Abbott's Creek

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HELD WITH

Pierce's Chapel Church

DAVIDSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

AUGUST 20, 21, AND 22,

1965

Next session convenes with Rock Hill Church, located in Asheboro, North Carolina, Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1966.

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OF THE ONE HUNDRED FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ABBOTT'S CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT PIERCE'S CHAPEL AUGUST 20, 21, 22, 1965.

FRIDAY—August 20, 1965

1. After praise and prayer by Elder S. T. Atkinson, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder C. T. Harward, Heb. 10:4-12; followed by Elder S. T. Atkinson.

2. After the intermission of one hour the several churches met in the house and the Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder G. W. Hill.

3. The letters from the several churches were read, contents noted and the messengers seated.

4. Called for petitionary letters.

5. Moved and seconded that we elect Elder S. T. Atkinson as our Moderator.

6. Moved and seconded that we elect Elder C. T. Harward as our Clerk, and Deacon W. M. Freeman as Assistant Clerk.

7. Moved and seconded that we omit the Rules of Decorum.

8. Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all necessary appointments.

9. Preaching Committee: Brothers Chester Taylor, J. H. Moody, Sister Alma Jarrell, also the clerks.

10. Committee on Arrangements: Elder W. E. Staley, Brother J. N. Trogdon, with moderator and the clerks.

11. Finance Committee: Brothers Trevis Byrd, Delbert Carraway.

12. Moved and seconded that Brother W. M. Freeman receive all funds and distribute them after all expenses are taken care of pertaining to the association.

13. Called for circular letter to be turned over to Committee on Arrangements.

14. Moved and seconded that we invite our sister associations of our same faith and order to seat with us. The following were present and seated:

Bear Creek: Brothers T. A. Williams, E. C. Carriker, Claude Coble, and others.

Blue Ridge: Elders H. D. Prillaman, C. P. Perdue; Brother

George Jamerson, and others.

Black Creek: Elder Paul Lamm, Brother Paul Carraway, J. B. Pittman, A. B. C. Lamm, and others.

Elkhorn: Elder W E. Branch.

Lower Country Line: Elder L. P. Martin, Brothers Rufus Gentry, Andrew Hill, and others.

Lower Mayo: Elders S. L. Gilbert, W. J. Puckett, W. H. Freeman, and others.

Laurel Springs: Elders Sam Flippin, E. C. Newman, J. R. Belton, Brother George Fulk, and others.

Mill Branch: Elder Lane Horne, Brother Donald Hunt, Sister Simpson.

New River: Brothers E. W. Harris, Victor Phillips, and others.

Salem: Elders G. W. Hill, H. H. Dagenhart, Brothers Seth Biggs, Ed Lee, and others.

Seven Mile: Elder B. L. Godwin, Brothers Graham Jackson, Alonzo Barefoot, Corby Johnson.

White Oak: Moved and second not to seat this Association at this time due to their condition.

Yellow River: Minutes.

Mates Creek: Minutes.

Called for other churches:

Mewborn Church—Elder J. M. Mewborn, Brother N. H. Hodges, and wife.

Providence Church of Alabama—Not represented.

Bannister Springs Church—Elder M. C. Merricks.

15. Moved and seconded that our next Association be held with Rock Hill Church on the ground of Tom's Creek Church to commence on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1966, and that Elder W. E. Staley to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder S. T. Atkinson to be his alternate.

16. Moved and seconded that we adjourn until 9:30 Saturday. Dismissed by Elder B. L. Godwin.

SATURDAY—August 21, 1965

17. The Association was opened by song and prayer by Elder Sam Flippin.

18. The messengers from the several churches were seated

and absentees noted, and those not present were excused.

19. Moved that the report from the several committees be received and committees be discharged.

20. Brother Oscar Hunt was chosen to write the next Circular Letter.

21. Messengers to our sister associations were appointed as follows:

Bear Creek: Brothers Jesse Trogdon, W. M. Freeman, C. O. Gallimore.

Black Creek: Elders S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Staley, C. T. Harward; Brother Jesse Trogdon.

Blue Ridge: Elder W. E. Staley, Brothers C. O. Gallimore, W. M. Freeman, Jesse Trogdon.

Elkhorn: Elder W. E. Staley, Brother Jesse Trogdon.

Lower Country Line: Elders W. E. Staley, S. T. Atkinson, C. T. Harward; Brothers Jesse Trogdon, W. M. Freeman.

Lower Mayo: Elders S. T. Atkinson, C. T. Harward; Brothers W. M. Freeman, Jesse Trogdon.

Laurel Springs: Elder S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Staley; Brothers W. I. Atkinson, Oscar Hunt, C. O. Gallimore.

Little River: Elders S. T. Atkinson, C. T. Harward; Brothers W. I. Atkinson, W. M. Freeman.

Mill Branch: Elders W. E. Staley, C. T. Harward; Brothers Jesse Trogdon, W. M. Freeman.

Mates Creek: Elder W. E. Staley; Brothers Oscar Hunt, C. O. Gallimore, Jesse Trogdon.

New River: Elders S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Staley; Brother Jesse Trogdon.

Salem: Elder S. T. Atkinson; Brothers W. M. Freeman, C. O. Gallimore, Jesse Trogdon.

Seven Mile: Elders S. T. Atkinson, W. E. Staley, C. T. Harward; Brothers W. M. Freeman, Jesse Trogdon.

Yellow River: Minutes.

22. Moved and seconded that we have the names and address of our visiting ministers printed in these minutes.

23. Committee on Finance reported:

Carried over from last year	$ 16.35	
Sent in by churches	486.65	
Given by brethren, sisters, and friends	87.00	$590.00

24. Moved and seconded that we give our Moderator ..... $ 15.00

Allowed for printing and mailing minutes ..	70.00	
Allowed for Clerk	15.00	
Allowed for stamps	2.00	
To our visiting ministers	463.00	
To Tom's Creek Church	10.00	
To be carried over	15.00	$590.00

25. It was moved and seconded that we thank our heavenly Father for the wonderful love manifested one towards another during our Association, and for the many acts of kindness shown by friends and neighbors of Pierce's Chapel and Tom's Creek churches and communities.

26. Moved and seconded that the minutes be read. They were read and approved, and an order of 1,000 copies to be printed and distributed.

Dismissed by Elder H. D. Prilliman.

ELDER S. T. ATKINSON, Moderator
ELDER C. T. HARWARD, Clerk
DEA. W. M. FREEMAN, Ass't Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Paul Lamm, Psa. 23
Elder B. L. Godwin, Heb. 8:6-11
Elder W. J. Puckett, No certain text
Elder S. L. Gilbert, Dismissed

Saturday Morning:

Elder G. W. Hill, 2 Cor. 3:3-5
Elder T. F. Adams, 1 Peter 1:2-4
Elder S. L. Gilbert, Lam. 3:1

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder L. P. Martin, Isa. 32:1-3
Elder E. C. Newman, Psa. 86:11
Elder J. M. Mewborn, John 17:1
Elder H. D. Prillaman, That is determined shall be done
Elder C. P. Perdue, John 6:28
Elder N. G. Hutchins, No certain text
Elder W. H. Freeman, Dismissed

Sunday Morning:

Elder W. C. Allen, Open services with song and prayer
Elder W. H. Freeman, Isa. 33:8; 35:8
Elder W. E. Branch, No certain text
Elder Lane Horne, No certain text
Elder C. D. Whitley. Heb. 2:2-3
Elder Troy Hill, Failed to get text

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder Roy Flippin, No certain text
Elder M. C. Merricks, Heb. 8:7
Elder T. T. Brammer, Rom. 4:8
Elder Garland Payne, Failed to get text
Elder J. T. Jones, Failed to get text
Brother Robert Harward, No certain text
Elder S. T. Atkinson, No certain text
Elder Jack Pulliam, Dismissed

MINISTERS OF THE ABBOTT'S CREEK ASSOCIATION

Elder S. T. Atkinson, 1601 Woodside Ave., High Point, N. C.
Elder C. G. Jones, 308 N. Salem St., Lexington, N. C.
Elder C. T. Harward, Rt. 7, Box 901, Sanford, N. C.
Elder W. E. Staley, Rt. 4, Asheboro, N. C.
Elder Jim Moody, Lexington, N. C.

Licentiates:

Brother Jessie A. Little, Rt. 2, Marshville, N. C.
Brother Robert Harward, Polkton, N. C.
Brother Walter Wilborn, 3861 High Point Rd., Winston Salem, N. C.

COMMUNION TIME AND PASTORS

Gaines Grove—Elder S. T. Atkinson, Third Sunday in May.
Lamm's Grove—Elder S. T. Atkinson, First Sunday in June.
Oak Grove—Elder C. S. Mills, Fifth Sunday in May.
Pierce's Chapel—Elders W. J. Puckett, S. W. Bunn, Second Sunday in July.
Mt. Shepherd—Elders S. T. Atkinson and W. E. Staley, Second Sunday in June.
Tom's Creek—Elder C. S. Farmer, Fourth Sunday in May.
Rock Hill—Elder W. E. Staley, Third Sunday in June.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF VISITING MINISTERS

Elder B. L. Godwin, Box 96, Coats, N. C.
Elder W. J. Puckett, Pine Hall, N. C.
Elder S. L. Gilbert, P. O. Box 2629, Winston Salem, N. C.
Elder N. G. Hutchins, Stoneville, N. C.
Elder Jack Pulliam, Spray, N. C.
Elder T. F. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C.
Elder J. M. Mewborn, Willow Springs, N. C.
Elder C. D. Whitley, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C.
Elder J. T. Jones, P. O. Box 515, Marshville, N. C.
Elder G. W. Hill, 929 Glenwood Ave., Greensboro, N. C.
Elder H. H. Dagenhart, 322 Ruffin St., Burlington, N. C.
Elder Roy Flippin, 1440 Air View Dr., Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elder Sam Flippin, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elder Garland Payne, Dobson, N. C.
Elder E. C. Newman, Fancy Gap, Va.
Elder Troy Hill, Galax, Va.
Elder J. R. Belton, 2001 Spring Road, Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elder H. D. Prilliman, Collinsville, Va.
Elder W. H. Freeman, Rt. 1, Box 72, Tabor City, N. C.
Elder W. C. Allen, Oakboro, N. C.
Elden Lane Horne, Rt. 4, Loris, S. C.
Elder L. P. Martin, Roxboro, N. C.
Elder S. J. Sauls, 603 Aversboro Rd., Garner, N. C.
Elder Thomas T. Brammer, Box 665, Collinsville, Va.

Elder Charles P. Perdue, Rt. 1, Syndersville, Va.
Elder W. P. Lamm, Rt. 3fi Kenly, N. C.
Elder W. E. Branch, Rt. 2, Marion, Va.
Elder M. C. Merricks, Blair, Va.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Brothers, Sisters, and Kind Friends,

My prayer, as I sit here in my weak and backward way, trying to compose this circular letter, is that the Maker and Giver of all good things will guide this poor sinner's hand that I might not say anything that would not be in accordance with the experience of those who were chosen from before the foundation of the world to be heirs and joint heirs of that heavenly kingdom prepared for those whom the Father gave him in that great election that took place before the dust of the highest hills were formed.

I feel too unworthy to even be among you dear people and so unfit to try to write to you and all of our corresponding brethren.

This has been a great burden to me for a long time, as to what I should write and what the Circular Letter should contain. I feel it should state our beliefs in the association. Yet I know not where to start in trying to express my feelings on this subject.

I feel our belief is based on love. Not the natural love, but the love I would express here if it be God's will is that great love that God has for his people. A love that is as high as heaven and as deep as hell. Did not the prophet write that, "Out of the belly of hell cried I, and he heard my cry"?

The writer in Psalms felt that love so strong that he was made to pen these words—"Surely love and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

What greater love is there than a love that will keep you at your brother's feet esteeming him always better than yourself?

What greater love is there than that shown by the one who paid for all your sins and I hope mine. One who was born, lived, died, and was buried and raised again that we might also be raised in that final day. My hope is that I may be able to sing his praises forever more along with you dear saints.

Yes, I feel this is part of the reason we gather for three days each year to sing, pray, preach, and to hear of this great love. Not to hear of the great things that man has done, for Christ said, "The very best that man can do is no more than filthy rags in the sight of God." But to hear of the great things that God has done and is still doing for His loved ones.

Yes, Brethren, this is a great love. One that can be preached and talked about from now until the end of time and never the half told.

Humbly submitted by,

—Delbert Carraway

CONSTITUTION OF THE ABBOTT'S CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

4. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe in the doctrine of Election that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the earth.

6. We believe that God's elect who are sinners of Adam's fallen family are in His good time effectually called and justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, received by faith alone which faith is productive of good works.

7. We believe that the Saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

8. We believe baptism by immersion according to the scriptures, and the Lord's Supper are both ordinances of Jesus Christ, and belong to the believers only.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead both of the just and the unjust and in the final judgment.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinance but such as are regularly baptized and come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.

11. We also believe that an association has no right to assume any authority over churches, but only to sit as an advising council, and shall not impose any measures on churches without their knowledge and consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Assoiation shall be opened by singing and prayer by the Moderator or some person by him chosen, letters to be called for and the Association organized.

2. A Moderator shall be chosen by the members of the Association at each meeting, whose duty it shall be to keep good order, explain and put questions, administer reproof and announce decisions.

3. Call for corresponding letters or ministers. Invite the messengers to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges in the association with members composing it, except in appointing the place to hold the association.

4. Invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges with corresponding messengers.

5. Any members in the Association shall have liberty to speak by rising and addressing the Moderator, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called to order by the Moderator, or some member, and if called to order may appeal to the Association for their decision for the propriety of the call.

6. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

7. During the sitting of the Association a respectable decency becoming saints shall be preserved, forbearing to disrespect or interrupt each other while speaking. Proper attention shall be paid to the speaker. All walking about, whispering or talking in time of conference is to be avoided. Members may leave by consent of the Association.

8. It shall be the duty of every member to vote on a question when put except the Moderator who shall vote only when the Association is equally divided, then he shall give the deciding vote.

9. A majority shall decide on all matters which may come before them.

10. No query to be debated except sent from a church or brought in by the committee on arrangements.

11. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, and the minutes distributed in proportion to the contribution.

12. These rules are subject to alteration or amendments when two-thirds of the Association may think necessary.

13. The Association may appoint a clerk as often as they may deem it necessary, whose duty it shall be to enroll the names of the messengers, minute the state of the churches and keep a regular record of the proceedings of the Association.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Sun. of Meeting	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution
Lamm's Grove	R. D. Comer, Delbert Carraway, C. T. Harward, R. E. Bryant.	1	....	....	....	....	1	2	73	$132.00
Gaines Grove	Dave Gaines, C. S. Gains, Maude Johnson, Bertie Hilliard	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	47.00
Pierce's Chapel	Chester Taylor, Alma Jarrell, J. H. Moody, Eva Pierce	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	22.00
Oak Grove	C. G. Jones, R. G. Snider, Clyde Garner, Trevis Byrd	2	....	....	....	....	....	1	24	43.00
Tom's Creek	C. O. Gallimore, Oscar Hunt, Etter Morris, Alice Gallimore	4	....	....	....	1	1	1	11	57.00
Mt. Shepherd	W. E. Staley, Percy Lovell, W. M. Freeman, T. S. Martin	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	129.65
Rock Hill	J. N. Trogdon, Jesse Trogdon, Scela Staley, Martha Morgan	3	....	1	....	....	....	....	10	56.00

CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATION MAILING LIST

Bear Creek: T. A. Williams, Rt. 7, Box 624, Monroe, N. C. 40
Black Creek: L. G. Brantley, Rt. 1, Spring Hope, N. C. 30
Blue Ridge: Noel Tilley, Rt. 1, Fieldale, Va. 40
Elkhorn: Elder W. E. Branch, Rt. 2, Marion, W. Va. 25
Little River: C. L. Ogburn, Willow Springs, N. C. 40
Lower Mayo: Eld. S. L. Gilbert, Box 2629, Winston Salem, N. C. 40
Lower Country Line: Ruben Bowes, Roxboro, N. C. 40
Laurel Springs: G. A. Fulk, Rt. 2, Pilot Mountain, N. C. 40
Mill Branch: M. B. Paul, 703 N. Wilkin Dr., Cheraw, S. C. 30
Mates Creek: N. E. Stanley, Box 193, Hardy, Ky. 20
New River: G. E. Duncan, Rt. 1, Radford, Va. 30
Seven Mile: Elder B. L. Godwin, Coats, N. C. 30
Salem: Elder A. B. Barham, 141 Dogwood Dr., Burlington, N. C. 40
Yellow River: Elder E. R. Wade, Rt. 2, Loganville, Ga. 20
Mewborn's Church: Elder J. M. Mewborn, Willow Springs, N. C. .. 10
Providence Church of Ala.: Elder W. C. Edwards,
1760 Shady View Lane, Birmingham, Ala. 5
Banister Springs Church: Elder M. C. Merricks, Blairs, Va. 5

MINUTES TO CHURCH CLERKS

Gaines Grove—Sister Maude Johnson, Rt. 4, Siler City, N. C. 30
Lamm's Grove—C. T. Harward, Route 7, Sanford, N. C. 60
Oak Grove—Sister Sylvia Snider, Rt. 1, Linwood, N. C. 40
Pierce's Chapel—Sister W. E. Jarrell, Route 2, Lexington, N. C. 30
Tom's Creek—C. O. Gallimore, Route 2, Thomasville, N. C. 40
Mt. Shephard—W. M. Freeman, 104 Marywood Rd., High Point .. 40
Rock Hill: W. H. Trogdon, Rt. 5, Box 125A, Asheboro, N. C. 30

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Minutes

of the

One Hundred Fifty-Ninth Session

of the

ABBOTT'S CREEK
Primitive Baptist Association

held with

Tom's Creek Church

Davidson County, North Carolina

AUGUST 24, 25, 26

1984

Next session will be held at Lamm's Grove Church, located in Lee County, North Carolina, Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1985.

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Proceedings

OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ABBOTT'S CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD AT THE CHURCH AT TOM'S CREEK AUGUST 24, 25, 26, 1984

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 1984

1. After praise and prayer by Elder C. T. Harward, the Abbott's Creek Primitive Baptist Association entered into conference.

2. The letters from Lamm's Grove, Mount Shepherd, and Tom's Creek churches were called for, read, contents noted, and the messengers seated.

3. After expression of love and concern, a move was made by W. I. Atkinson that due to the disorder that Elder Ralph Gaines caused at Rock Hill Church and due to the fact that the membership of said church, along with Gaines Grove and Pierce's Chapel churches upheld him in this disorder, and due to the fact that Lamm's Grove, Tom's Creek and Mt. Shepherd churches had already withdrawn from this disorder in their church conferences, letters from Rock Hill, Gaines' Grove and Pierce's Chapel should not be called for and not seated at this time. The move was seconded by Elder W. M. Freeman and unanimously carried by the messengers of the seated churches.

4. Called for petitionary letters. None reported.

5. Moved and seconded that we elect Elder C. T. Harward as our Moderator.

6. Moved and seconded that we elect W. I. Atkinson as our Clerk and Elder W. M. Freeman as Assistant Clerk.

7. Moved and seconded that we omit reading the Rules of Decorum.

8. Moved and seconded that the Moderator make all necessary appointments.

9. Preaching Committee: Wilbur Martin, Oscar Hunt, W. I. Atkinson.

10. Committee on Arrangements: Freeman Absher, Wilbur Martin, together with Moderator and Clerk.

11. Finance Committee: W. M. Freeman, Oscar Hunt, Freeman Absher.

12. Moved and seconded that the Finance Committee receive all funds and distribute them after all expenses are taken care of.

13. Moved and seconded that we invite our sister associations of our same faith and order to seat with us. The following were present.

Black Creek: Did not seat.
Lower Country Line: Did not seat.
Lower Mayo: Not represented.
Laurel Springs: Did not seat.
Little River: Did not seat.
Mates Creek: Not represented.
Mill Branch: Did not seat.
New River: Did not seat.
Salem: Did not seat.
Seven Mile: Did not seat.
White Oak: Did not seat.
Yellow River: Did not seat.
Called for other churches:
Crooked Creek: Did not seat.
Lawyer Springs: Did not seat.
Macedonia Church: Did not seat.
Mewborn's Church: Did not seat.
Sulphur Fork: Not represented.
Thomas Grove: Did not seat.
Union Association of Texas: Not represented.

14. Moved and seconded that our next association be held with the church at Lamm's Grove to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August, 1985, and that Elder W. M. Freeman preach the introductory sermon, and Elder C. T. Harward to be alternate.

15. Moved and seconded that we adjourn until 10:00 Saturday morning. Dismissed by Elder W. M. Freeman.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

16. The association was opened with song and prayer by Elder W. M. Freeman.

17. The messengers from the three churches were seated and absentees noted, those not present were excused.

18. Moved and seconded that the reports from the several committees be received and the committees be discharged.

19. Messengers to our sister associations were appointed as follows:

BLACK CREEK: Elders C. T. Harward and W. M. Freeman, Brothers Oscar Hunt, Wilbur Martin, and W. I. Atkinson.

LOWER COUNTRY LINE: Elder W. M. Freeman, Brothers Oscar Hunt and Wilbur Martin.

LAUREL SPRINGS: Elder W. M. Freeman, Brothers Oscar Hunt, Wilbur Martin, and Freeman Absher.

LITTLE RIVER: Elders C. T. Harward, W. M. Freeman, Brothers W. I. Atkinson, Oscar Hunt, and Wilbur Martin.

MATES CREEK: Elder W. M. Freeman.

MILL BRANCH: Elders C. T. Harward and W. M. Freeman, Brothers Wilbur Martin and Oscar Hunt.

NEW RIVER: Elder W. M. Freeman, Brothers Oscar Hunt and Wilbur Martin.

SALEM: Elder W. M. Freeman, Brothers Oscar Hunt, Wilbur Martin, and W. I. Atkinson.

SEVEN MILE: Elders C. T. Harward and W. M. Freeman, Brothers Wilbur Martin and Oscar Hunt.

WHITE OAK: Elders W. M. Freeman and C. T. Harward, Brother Wilbur Martin.

YELLOW RIVER: None.

20. Moved and seconded that we have the names and addresses of our visiting ministers printed in our minutes.

21. Committee on Finance reported.

INCOME:	
Carried over from last year plus interest	$ 646.36
Donated by churches	570.00
TOTAL	$1,216.36
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Moderator	20.00
Clerk	20.00
Assistant Clerk	20.00
Tom's Creek Church	20.00
Repair on P. A. System	38.91
Stamps and Envelopes	3.00
Visiting Ministers	160.00
To Home Ministers by Agreement of Finance Committee ($20.00 each)	60.00
Carried Over	874.45
TOTAL	$1,216.36

Cost of printing the minutes was given to the Glory of God and in memory of Elder S. T. Atkinson, Sr.

22. Moved and seconded that Brother Clarence Pierce and Brother Leamon Grainger be appointed as trustees to be in charge of the association chairs, and to use their discretion in storing said chairs.

23. It was moved and seconded that we thank our Heavenly Father for the wonderful love manifested one toward another during our association

and for the many acts of kindness shown by friends and neighbors of Tom's Creek Church and community.

24. Moved and seconded that the minutes be read. They were read and approved and ordered the clerk to have 1,000 copies printed and distributed.

25. Moved and seconded to adjourn to time and place mentioned earlier. Dismissed by Elder C. T. Harward.

C. T. Harward, Moderator
W. I. Atkinson, Clerk
W. M. Freeman, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder W. M. Freeman
Elder C. T. Harward

SATURDAY MORNING:
Elder W. M. Freeman, Song and Prayer
Elder C. T. Harward, Romans 8:29
Elder W. M. Freeman, Peter 5:1-8

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder W. E. Staley, Luke 15:11
Dismissed by Elder W. E. Staley

SUNDAY MORNING:
Elder W. E. Staley, Song and Prayer
Elder W. M. Freeman, Acts 8:26-29
Elder W. E. Staley, Hebrews 10:1
Elder C. T. Harward, "Oh Lord, Our Lord . . ."
Dismissed by Elder C. T. Harward

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF VISITING MINISTERS

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COMMUNION TIME AND PASTORS

LAMM'S GROVE: Elder C. T. Harward, First Sunday in June
MT. SHEPHERD: Elder C. T. Harward, Second Sunday in June
TOM'S CREEK: Fourth Sunday in May.

MINUTES TO CHURCH CLERKS

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Ray Payne, Route 1, Dobson, NC 27017 40
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Elder Jack Hawkins, P. O. Box 922, Coats, NC 27521 30
WHITE OAK:
Elder Furney Davis, Route 1, Box 253, Richland, NC 28574 20
YELLOW RIVER:
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CONSTITUTION OF THE ABBOTT'S CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. We believe in only one true living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

4. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe in the doctrine of election that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the earth.

6. We believe that God's elect who are sinners of Adam's fallen family are in His good time effectually called and justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ received by faith alone which is productive of good works.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

8. We believe that baptism by immersion according to the scriptures, and the Lord's Supper are both ordinances of Jesus Christ, and belonging to the believers only.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and in the final judgment.

10. We believe that no minister has the right to the administration of the ordinances but such as are regularly baptized and come under the imposition of hands of the presbytery.

11. We also believe that an association has no right to assume any authority over churches, but only sit as an advising council, and shall not impose any measure on churches without their knowledge and consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer by the Moderator or some person chosen by him, letters to be called for and the Association organized.

2. A moderator shall be chosen by the members of the Association at each meeting, whose duty it shall be to keep good order, explain and put questions, administer reproof and announce decisions.

3. Call for corresponding letters or ministers. Invite the messengers to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges in the Association with members composing it, except in appointing the place to hold the Association.

4. Invite visiting brethren to seats, who shall be entitled to equal privileges with corresponding messengers.

5. Any member in the Association shall have liberty to speak by rising and addressing the Moderator, who shall not be interrupted while speaking unless called to order by the Moderator, or some member, and if called to order may appeal to the Association for their decision for the propriety of the call.

6. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

7. During the sitting of the Association a respectable decency becoming saints shall be preserved, forbearing to disrespect or interrupt each other while speaking. Proper attention shall be paid to the speaker. All walking about, whispering or taking in time of conference is to be avoided. Members may leave by consent of the Association.

8. It shall be the duty of every member to vote on a question when put except the Moderator who shall vote only when the Association is equally divided, then he shall give the deciding vote.

9. A majority shall decide on all matters which may come before them.

10. No query to be debated except sent from a church or brought in by the committee on arrangements.

11. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, and the minutes shall be distributed in proportion to the membership.

12. These rules are subject to alteration or amendments when two-thirds of the Association may think necessary.

13. The Association may appoint a clerk as often as they may deem it necessary, whose duty it shall be to enroll the names of the messengers, minute the state of the churches, and keep record of the proceedings of the Association.

14. We shall not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic Lodges or other lodges of any secret societies, or who on any occasion conforms to the custom or parades, nor will we countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for collecting of money, or who himself by collecting money to support any institution whatsoever. We will not fellowship with any member or members of Missionary Bible Tract or Sunday School Union societies, nor advocate theological schools, nor any person who do fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

15. Any member present at any corresponding Association where there is no appointed messenger present, such member may report as a messenger.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Yr. Asso. Held	Annual or Com.	Sun. of Meeting	Rec. By Bap.	Rec. By Let.	Res. To Fel.	Dis. By Let.	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Mem.	Contribution
Lamm's Grove	Bros. Wilbur Martin, R. E. Bennett, Sis. Katharine Harward, Sally Thompson, Alt.	80	June	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	28	250.00
Mt. Shepherd	Bros. W. I. Atkinson, W. M. Freeman, Sis. Callie Atkinson, Bro. Otis Hall, Alt.	82	June	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	137.00
Tom's Creek	Bros. Oscar Hunt, Sis. Eva Pierce, Wilma Garner, Bro. Freeman Absher, Alt.	84	May	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	173.00